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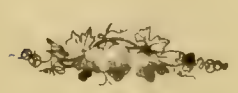

[MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF ULSTER.]

At a General Synod, met in Belfast, June 20, 1721.

Mr Gilbert Kennedy, Mod^{r} to the former Synod, opened this Synod by preaching on Prov. ii. 30, & after constitution by prayer, *Sederunt* these Min^{rs} & Ruleing Elders :—

The Prēbys.	Min^{rs}	Ruleing Elders.
Longford M-^{rs}	Rob. Thomson	Adam Henry
	David Sim	Alex^{r} Davison
	Alex^{r} Hamilton	
Antrim	Will. Taylor, Senr	Jo^{n} Morison
	Will. Leech	Jo^{n} Thomson
	Alex^{r} Brown	Jo^{n} Jamison
	Jo^{n} Abernethy	Jo^{n} Miller
	Char. Masterton	Sam. Parker
	Will. Livingston	Co^{ll} Upton
	Ja. Creighton	Jo^{n} McKa
	Tho. Wilson	Jo^{n} Craig
	Jo^{n} Henderson	Jo^{n} Eggar
	Will. Taylor, Junr	Jo^{n} Jackson
	Sam. Getty	Jo^{n} Cummin
	Jam. White	Mr Pat. Agnew
	Josias Clugston	
Colerain	Math. Clerk	Sam. Torrence
	Rob. Haltridge	Mr Agnew
	Hen. Neil	Jam. Morison
	Will. Boyd	Mr Fran. Ross
	Rob. Higginbothom	Jo^{n} White
	Jo^{n} Porter	Jam. Ball
	Rob. M^{c}bride	Gawin Steel
	Jo^{n} Cochran	Will. Boyd
	Tho. Cobham	Jo^{n} McClelan
	Jam. Thomson	And. Duncan
	Rob. Knox	
Augher	Rob. Coltheart	Arch. Lettimer
	Bapt. Boid	Jo^{n} Rogers
	Josias Cornwall	Gil. McKa
	Sam. McGachin	
	Pat. Plunket	Jam. McConchy
	Tho. McClain	Jo^{n} Bocock

Prebys.	Min^{rs}	Ruleing Elders.
	Mrs Sam. Irwin	
	Sam. Hemphill	Rob. Cullen
	Nethan Glasgow	Tho. Irwine
Down	Ja. Bruce	Tho. Williamson
	Jo^{n} Gaudie	
	Hen. Hamilton	Jo^{n} Orr
	Ja. McCalpin	Mr Trail
	Tho. Orr	Jam. Murray
	Sam. Shanon	Jo^{n} Adair
	Will. Biggar	Arch. Davison
	Will. Smith	Jo^{n} Chalmers
	Ja. Reid	And. Laurie
	Arch. Dickson	And. Tod
	Tho. Nivin	Jo^{n} Hathorn
	Fran. Mongomery	Will. Smith
	Tho. Elder	Jo^{n} Dobbin
	Jo^{n} Mairs	M^{r} Jo. Thomson
	Nethan Orr	
Tyrowen	Hen. Crooks	David McCreigh
	Tho. Kennedy	Captn Stephenson
	Jo^{n} M'Clave	Jam. Busby
	Tho. Mulligan	Jam. Boyd
	David Tomb	Jo^{n} Campbell
	Hugh Wallace	Ja. Henry
	Jo^{n} Kennedy	Jo^{n} Fisher
	Alex^{r} Moor	Mr Will. Agnew
	Nethan Cochran	Will. Ramsey
	Ja. Dykes	Will. Smith
	Rob. Stewart	
Letterkenny	Sam. Henry	Alex^{r} McChiny
	Sam. Dunlop	Antho. Lawson
	Char. Lynd	Captn Henderson
	Rob. Wilson	Mr Jo^{n} Laird
	Fran. Laird	
	David Fairley	Jam. Paterson
	Jam. Cochran	Mr Will. Blair
	Jo^{n} Homes	Will. Smith
	Pat. Vance	
Derry	Will. Gray	Jo^{n} Moderell
	Jo^{n} Stirling	Rob. Miller
	Jam. Wallace	Will. M^{c}tyre
	Tho. Harvey	Mr Rob. Andrew
	Jo^{n} Harvey	Jo^{n} Alex^{r}
	Saml Ross	Mr Jos. Morison
	Major Murray	Mr Jam. Bann
	Ninian Cochran	Rob. Hopkins
	Will. Cuningham	

Prebys.	Min^{rs}	Ruleing Elders.
Belfast	Mrs Jo^{n} Malcom	Jam. King
	Fran. Iredell	Dr Martin
	Alex^{r} McCrackan	Tho. Small
	And. Crawford	Mr Geo. Russel
	Jam. Kirkpatrick	Mr Arbuckle
	Jam. Cobham	Hugh Donaldson
	Jo^{n} Riddel	Mr Isaac McCartney
	Rob. Sinclar	Sam. Hallyday
	Sam. Hallyday	David Kennedy
	Char. Seaton	Hugh Pettigrew
	Jam. Stewart	Captn Moor
	Rob. Wirling	Pat. Scot
	Michael Bruce	Rob. Craford
	Sam. Harper	Jam. White
	Pat. Bruce	
	Jam. Fraser	
Armagh	Jo^{n} Hutcheson	Mr Jam. Johnston
	Jo^{n} Wilson	Will. Duglass
	Geo. Lang	Mr Alex^{r} Reid
	Gilb. Kennedy	Nethan Mongomery
	Ja. Fleming	Jo^{n} Clerk
	Rob. Rainey	Mr Campbell
	Jam. Johnston	David Scot
	Will. Mackay	Rob. Stephenson
	Jam. Moor	Jo^{n} Campbell
	Rob. Gordon	Ough. Hart
	Hugh Henry	Captn McNeil
	Pat. Simson	And. Walker
	Jo^{n} Campbell	Hen. Heron
	Arch. Maclain, Junr	
Straban	Jam. Maxwell	Jo^{n} Walker
	Tho. Winsley	Jo^{n} Leny
	Will. Homes	
	Jo^{n} Ball	Jam. M'Crea
	Alex^{r} M'Crackan	
	Nehem. Donaldson	Tho. Smily
	Victor Ferguson	
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Mr Nathaniel Weld, Mr Jos. Boyse, & Mr Richard Choppin, Correspondents from The Revd Preby in Dublin.

The Former Mod^{r} desireing that a new Mod^{r} may be chosen, proposed a Leet of the following Bretherin, vizt:—Mr Jam. Fleming, Mr Jam. Reid, Mr Will. Gray, Mr Will. Homes, Mr Jo^{n} Malcom, Mr Masterton, Mr Math. Clerk, Mr Sam. Henry, & Mr Tho. Kennedy, that one of them may be chosen Mod^{r} to this Synod, and these bretheren being removed, the vote was put, & Mr Gray was chosen Mod^{r} by plurality of voices. Mod^{r} Chos^{n}.

Clerk Chosen.

Then Mr Crawford proposed to dimitt his office of Clerk to this Synod, and a vote was hereupon proposed—Continue the present Clerk or Alter, & the vote being put, it carryed Alter by plurality of voices. Then a Leet of these brethern was proposed, vizt:—Mr Alex^r Brown, Mr Will. Boyd, Mr John Wilson, & Mr Will Mackay, one of whom may be chosen Clerk to this Synod, and the vote being put, Mr Mackay was chosen Clerk by plurality of voices.

For the more orderly manageing the affairs to be laid before this Synod, the several Prēbys are to return their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills & Synod Books, & the fund to Next Sederunt.

It was moved & agreed to, that all the members of this Synod meet here to-morrow morneing at 8 of the Clock, and to continue in prayer till 12.

This Sed^t concluded w^h prayer.

Sessio 2da.

Die Mercur. Horâ 12. *Jun.* 21

After prayer *Sed^t qui supra.*

Prayer

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The several Prēbys returned the names of their members for Committees as follows

OVERTURES—

Ma^rs Will Gray	Fran. Laird
Rob. Thomson	Jo^n Stirling
Sam. Magachin	Sam. Ross
Jos. Cornwall	Ja. Kirkpatrick
Sam. Hemphill	Ja. Cobham
Mat. Clerk	Fran. Iredell
Rob. Haltridge	Sam. Hallyday
Will Boyd	Jo^n Hutcheson
Ja. Bruce	Gil. Kennedy
Tho. Orr	Ja. Moor
Will Biggar	Hugh Henry
Ja. McCalpin	Will Homes
Jo^n Abernethy	Jo^n Ball
Cha. Masterton	Will Mackay
Will. Livingston	Neth. Weld
Jos. Clugston	Jos. Boyse
Hen. Crooks	Rich. Choppin
Tho. Kennedy	and their
Dav. Tomb	Elders
Cha. Lind	

BILLS.

Alex^r Hamilton	Jo^n Homes
Ja. Creighton	Ja. Wallace
Will. Leech	Tho. Harvey
Ja. White	Mich. Bruce

Rob. Higginbotom
Rob. M'Bride
Neth. Cochran
Pat. Plunket
Hen. Hamilton
Jam. Shanon
Arch. Dixon
Tho. Nivin
Tho. Mulligan
Alex^r Moor
Sam. Henry
Jo^n Malcom
Rob. Sinclar
Cha. Seaton
Jo^n Wilson
Ja. Johnston
Rob. Gordon
Arch. Maclain
Tho. Winsley
and their
Elders

BOOKS.

Sam. Getty
Tho. Wilson
Will. Taylor
Jo^n Henderson
Henry Neil
Ja. Thomson
Rob. Knox
Rob. Coltheart
Neth. Glasgow
Neth. Orr
Jo^n Gaudie
Fran. Mongomery
Jo^n Campbell
Will. Smith
Jo^n Kennedy
Ja. Dykes
Rob. Stewart
Pat. Vance
Ja. Cochran
Major Murray
Rob. Wirling
Ja. Fraser
Sam. Harper
Jo^n Riddel
Ja. Fleming
Victor Ferguson
and their
Elders

FUNDS.

David Simm
Alex^r Brown
Jo^n Porter
Tho. Cobham
Bapt. Boyd
Sam. Irwine
Jam. Reid
Jo^n Mairs
Sam. Dunlop
David Fairley
Jo^n Harvey
Will. Cuningham
Pat. Bruce
And. Crawford
Geo. Lang
Nehem. Donaldson
Pat. Simson
Ja. Thomson
and their
Elders

Adjourned to 5 *a meridie.* This Sederunt concluded with prayer.

Sessio 3^tia Horâ 5ta a meridie. Sessio 3^a

After prayer, *Sed^t qui supra.*

The Revd Mr Weld, Mr Boise, & Mr Choppin produced their Commission from the Revd Preby in Dublin to correspond w^h this Synod, & were received accordingly.

Mr Tho. Harvey, Mr Jo^n Harvey, jun^r, & Mr Major Murray having been absent from last Gen^ll Synod, reported the reasons of their absence, & are excused. Absents Excused.

Mr Tate, Mr Dunlop, Mr Hair, Mr Rob. Campbell, Mr Shaw, Mr Drumond, Mr Alex^r Sinclare, Mr Craighead, Mr Arch. Maclain, sen^r,

Mr Char. Wallace, & Mr Moses Cherry being absent from this Synod, are excused for reasons now offered.

Mr John Mair is absent, & is not excused.

Dead.

Mr Hugh Ramsey died on the 12 of Novr, 1720, and

Mr Will. Houston died May 6th, & Mr Rob. Nilson died May 12, 1721.

Installed.

Mr Will Hair was Installed at Inniskillin since last Synod; & Mr Sam. Hallyday was Installed in the Old Congrn of Belfast, July 28, 1720; & Mr Hugh Wallace was Installed at Dawson's bridge, September 7, 1720; & Mr James Wallace was Installed at Movill since last Synod.

Ordained.

The Prēby of Tyrowen have ordained Mr Rob. Stewart at Donoghmore, Augt 11, 1720.

Licensed.

The Preby of Colerain have licensed Mr Adam Boyd since last Synod.

Entred on tryals.

Longford Prēby have Entered Mr John Little & Mr Dennison on first tryals, & they have Mr Patton & Mr Dean on second tryals.

Colerain Preby have Mr Will. Elder & Mr Sam. Wilson on first tryals.

Derry Preby have Mr Tho. Strawbridge on 2d tryals.

Down Preby have Mr Hugh Williamson on first tryals.

Antrim Preby have Mr Will. Smith on second tryals.

Augher Preby have Mr Mat. Chalmers on first tryals, & Mr Carlisle on 2d tryals.

Time & place of next Synod.

Our next Genll Synod is appointed to meet at London Derry on the third Tuesday of June, 1722. Sermon to begin at 5 *a meridie.*

Last Genll Synod appointed the Preby of Armagh to pay what is due of the fund to Dundalk, Lurgan, & Vinecash.

Enquiry was made whether that Preby have fulfilled that appointment. It appears that there is little done in that affair. The appointment is renewed, & they are required to be more carefull of that affair.

Synod books revised.

The Revisers of the Records of the Synod of Belfast report that they revised sd Records, & do approve them, & so doth this Synod. The approbation thereof is to be inserted in the book, & to be subscribed by the Modr of this Synod.

The Revisers of the Records of the Synod of Armagh report that they revised sd Records, & do approve them, & so doth this Synod. The approbation is to be inserted in the book, & subscribed by the Modr of this Synod.

We have no report from the Revisers of Derry Book.

Pacific Act.

Upon reading the Pacific Act, inquiry was made whether all the Prēbys have observed the sd Act. It was alledged by some members of

this Synod that the Prēby of Belfast have broke in upon s^d Act in the Installment of Mr Sam. Hallyday in the old cong^rn of Belfast; and after much reasoning on this head, it was moved and agreed to, that the Committee of Overtures meet at 8 of the Clock to morrow morneing, & that the Records of the Preby & Synod of Belfast be laid before the s^d Committee, and that that Committee frame an Overture on that case & bring it in to this Synod.

Adjourned to 10 of the Clock to morrow morneing.

This Sederunt concluded with prayer.

Sessio 4ta Die Jovis, Horâ 10 ante meridiem. Sessio: 4ta.

After prayer, *Sed^t qui supra.*

The Committee of Overtures report that they have not come to any resolution in the affair of Belfast, committed to them last Sederunt. This matter was referred.

Report is made that none of the 20£ due to Galway by Down Prēby is paid. Mr Hamilton declares that unless some speedy & effectual methods be taken for his support in Galway he must leave the charge of that poor people on the Synod. This was referred to the Committee of Funds. Galway.

A Supplication from Moywater was read. They pray that the 8£ ℔ annum promised for support of their supplyers dureing their vacancy may be paid; & being now in a way of settlement, they pray that the 18£ ℔ ann. promised by this Synod for support of that poor cong^rn may be continued. This was referred to the Committee of Funds. Moywater.

Longford Preby represent it as a Grievance that Mr John M^cgachin & Mr Robt Rutheford, whose relation to this Synod is loosed sho'd have any share of our R.D., being no members of this Synod. This was referred. Mr Mcgachin. Mr Rutherford.

Adjourned to 5 *a meridie.* Concluded w^h prayer.

Die Jovis, Horâ 5ta a meridie. Sessio 5ta.

After prayer, *Sed^t qui supra.*

A Letter from Sr Alex^r Cairns, Mr Henry, Dr Cummin, & several other Gent. in Dublin to this Synod was read. The design of s^d Letter is in the most pressing manner to recommend peace, charity, & mutual forbeareance to all the members of this Synod. Letters from Sr Alex. Cairns, &c.

Also a Letter from some Gent. in Belfast & the Countrey about it directed to this Synod, to the same purpose, was read.

Then these followeing Supplications were read. Supplications from several Sessions.

A Supplication from the Session of Kilrachts; a Supplication from the Session of Bellykelly; a Supplication from the Session of Donoghmore, in the Preby of Letterkenny; a Supplication from the Session of Lammavady; a Supplication from the Session of Londonderry; a

Supplication from the Session of Muff; a Supplication from the Session of Convoy; a Supplication from the Session of Taughboin; a Supplication from the Session of Aghalow; a Supplication from the Session of Litford; a Supplication from the Session of Omagh; a Supplication from the Session of Carrigfergus; a Supplication from the Min^{r} & Session of Ramelton; a Supplication from the Session of Baylyborrough; a Supplication from the Session of Claudevadog; a Supplication from the Session of Kinaird; & a Supplication from the Session of Letterkenny, were all read. All these Supplicants do earnestly pray that all the members of this Synod, & all inferior Judicatories of this Church, may be obligded to subscribe the Westmin^{r} Confession of Faith as the confession of their faith.

Certificates.

Also, a Certificate from both cong^{rns} of Belfast, bearing testimony to the soundness of both their Min^{rs} faith, subscribed by a great number of hands of both cong^{rns}, was read in this Synod.

Overture concerning the Eternal Deity of Christ.

Then an Overture concerning the Eternal Deity of the Son of God was brought in to this Synod and read, and after reasoning, it was moved & agreed to, that there be a conference of all the members of this Synod, to beginn to-morrow, at 8 of the Clock in the morning, & to continue till ten.

Adjourned to 10 to-morrow morning. This Sed^{t} concluded w^{h} prayer.

Sessio, &c.

Die Ven. Jun 23, Horâ 10^{a} ante meridiem.

After prayer, *Sed^{t} qui supra.*

The members of this Synod met for a conference at 8 of the Clock this morning, haveing appointed a Select Committee to frame a new draught of the Overture concerning the Eternal Deity of the Son of God. The s^{d} Overture was brought into this Synod, & was read paragraph by paragraph three several times, & the bretheren reasoned upon the form of it at great Length.

Some bretheren, when this matter was debateing, withdrew, and being called, returned & declared they were unwilling to come into this Overture, not because they disbelieved the Article of Christ's Supreme Deity, for this Article they professed in the strongest terms to believe, but because they in their Judgements are against all Authoritative Decisions of Human tests of Orthodoxy, & because they believe such decisions to be unseasonable at this time.

Overture.

The Overture is in these words—Whereas several aspersions have been cast upon the Protestant Dissenters of our Communion in this Kingdom, as if they had made defection from the Common Received Doctrine concerning the Essential Deity of the Son of God, by Denying His Essential Divine perfections, particularly His Necessary Existence, Absolute Eternity & Independence, which Doctrine has been always regarded by this Synod as an Essential Article of the Christian faith, and which this Synod still adheres to as such, We, therefore, unanimously declare that the s^{d} asperions are, as far as we know, Groundless.

And it is our resolution if any person or persons shall hereafter deny the 6d Article as above Expressed by preaching or writeing, or in conversation, to proceed against him or them, according to the Laws of the Gospell & the known practise of this Church; and not to own him or them as members of this Church. Agreed to

This Overture was voted & approven.

It was then moved that this Overture be printed; & the vote being put it carryed print by plurality of voices, the Overture to be signed by our Modr & Clerk. Print.

Adjourned to 5 *a meridie*.

This Session concluded wh prayer.

Sessio: 7ma.

Die Ven. Jun 23, *Horâ* 5ta *a meridie*.

After prayer, *Sedt qui supra*.

A Petition from Kath. Boyd *Alias* Strawbridge, representing her deplorable circumstances, & praying for the charitable assistance of this Synod, was read. Her case being considered, this Synod recommend it to every Minr here present to give her some contribution, & that she shall have the benefit of a Collection in this Meetinghouse when it's full, & what is so gott to be Lodged wh our Modr for her use; & we recommend it to each Minr of this Synod to procure what relief they can from their several Sessions for her. The Clerk of each Prēby is to collect from the several Prēbys for her, & to be accountable to Mr Hugh Wallace. Charity to Mrs Boyd.

It was Enquired after what manner the fund was disposed of for last year, who paid & who not. It appears that there are great deficiencys in the payment of it. It's therefore Overtured that each Prēby shall be oblidged to make a Location of the quota which each congrn in their bounds pays to the fund among the several Minrs depending upon the Prēby's proportion of it, that so the quotas of the several congrns, being divided among the Minrs depending on the fund, each Minr so depending may know from what congrn to demand his proportion, & where to charge his Arrears for the future. This was agreed to. Fund.

The affair of Mr Hallyday's Installment in the Old congrn of Belfast being resumed, & the case being reasoned at great Length, it was moved that Mr Hallyday's testimonials may be read, & accordingly his testimonials from the Prēby of Convoy, from Leiden, Rotterdam, Basil, & Geneva were read; also a Letter from some Minrs In London giveing testimony to Mr Hallyday's soundness in the faith was read; also Mr Hallyday's own Letter, Wrote from London to the Prēby of Belfast, was read; also a Letter from the Preby of Down to Coll Ferguson & Mr Isaac McCartney, was read. This Letter declares their satisfaction with the soundness of Mr Halyday's faith; also a Letter from some bretheren of Antrim Preby, & some of Colerain Preby, to the same Gent., & to the same purpose, was read; also a Letter from the Prēby in Dublin to the Prēby of Belfast to the same purpose, was read. Mr Hallyday's Installmt. testimonials in his favor.

Also a Certificate from the Old Cong^{rn} of Belfast, subscribed by a great number of hands, attesting the Orthodoxy of their min$^{r's}$ faith, was read.

And after long reasoning upon this matter,

Adjourned to 10 *mane.*

This Session concluded w^{h} prayer.

Sessio: 8^{a}.

Die Sat. June 24, *Hord* 10 *ante merid.*

After prayer, *Sederunt qui supra.*

Mr Hallyday's Installmt resumed.

Belfast affair being resumed, the Select Committee appointed to frame an Overture upon that affair, brought in their Overture, w^{c} was read, & the case was reasoned a long time, & many debates being raised about s^{d} Overture, a motion was made that, Whereas Mr Hallyday assented to the Westminster Confession of faith as the confession of his faith upon his being licensed at Rotterdam, the Mod^{r} shod ask him if he adheres to s^{d} assent now. It was again moved that the vote shod be put whether we will ask Mr Hallyday that question or not; and then it was further moved, that the previous question sho'd be put whether that vote sho'd be put or not, and the previous question was put accordingly, and it carryed by plurality of voices put the vote, and then the vote was stated, ask Mr Hallyday the above question or not, and it carryed by a great majority, ask Mr Hallyday the above question.

Reasoned.

Then the Mod^{r} asked Mr Hallyday if he now adheres to the assent he gave to the Westmin^{r} Confession of faith when he was licensed, and Mr. Hallyday gave his answer in the following words—My refusal to declare my adherence to the assent I gave to the Westmin^{r} confession of faith when I was licensed does not proceed from my disbelief of the important truths contained in it, the contrary of which I have oft by word & writeing declared, as this venerable assembly can bear me Witness; But my Scruples are against the Submitting to Human tests of Divine truths, Especially in a great number of Extra essential points without the knowledge & belief of w^{e} men may be entitled to the favour of God & the hopes of Eternal life, and according to the Laws of the gospell to Christian & ministerial communion in the Church, when Imposed as a necessary term of such Communion. The Reasons of w^{e} Scruples I am now ready to lay before this assembly, & shall always be open to conviction.

It was then moved that Mr Hallyday shod now lay the reasons of his Scruples before this Synod. Mr Hallyday replyed that, seeing he hopes this Synod will Indulge him in those Scruples, he is willing to conceal the reasons of them, that there may be no heat or altercation in this Synod about them. This Synod, taking into their serious consideration Mr Hallyday's answer, does utterly disclaim all power of imposeing upon the consciences of men of w^{c} God onely is the Lord, and therefore declare themselvs ready to receive & seriously to weigh the reasons Mr Hallyday has for his Scruples, and shall be as open to conviction as he is, and, consequently, cannot charge themselvs with the guilt of Sinful imposition.

Then the Revd Comrs from the Preby of Dublin proposed to this Synod their earnest request that, considering the whole matter complexly, they wo'd please to come to this resolution—that this Synod do entirely drop it, wc request being considered by this Synod, we agreed to comply with it, and the vote was stated drop this whole matter or not, and it carryed drop it entirely *nemine contradicente.* Dropt.

A motion was made that all the members of this Synod who are willing to Subscribe the Wesminr Confession of faith, according to the terms of the Pacific Act, be allowed by this Synod to do it. Some Hours being spent in reasoning upon this affair, a State of the vote was proposed thus, whether we will vote this matter now or adjourn. Then Mr Iredell, at the desire of this Synod, called upon God for direction in this affair; and, after prayer, the vote was put, vote now or adjourn, and it carryed, vote now, by a great majority. Then Mr Boise & Mr. Choppin desired that their Protest against coming to this vote in name of the Prēby of Dublin may be entered into the records of this Synod. Also Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Abernethy, Mr Hallyday, Mr Nivin, Mr Michael Bruce, Mr Arch. Maclain, Junr, Mr Clugston, Mr Pat. Bruce, Mr Tho. Wilson, Mr Donaldson, Mr Tho. Maclain, Mr Jon Henderson, Minrs; & Captn M'Neal, Mr Pat. Agnew, Mr Isaac Macartney, & Jon Hathorn, Elders, Protested against this vote, & desired that their Protest might be entred into the Records of this Synod. Their Reasons are to be given in in due time.

A motion to subscribe the Westminster Confession.

Protest.

Entered.

Then the Next Vote was stated, allow such as are willing to Subscribe the Westminr Confession of Faith according to the terms of the Pacific Act or not, and the vote being put, it carryed allow by a great majority. Allow Subscription.

It was moved & agreed to, that our treasurer, Mr Blair, shall pay our Clerk one shilling for each Minr belonging to this Synod, out of the first R. D. that shall come into his hands, the minrs to be refounded by their congrns.

Adjourned to Munday next at 3 *a meridie:*

Concluded wh prayer.

Die Lunae Jun. 26, *Horâ* 3tia *a meridie:* Sessio: 9na.

After prayer, *Sedt qui supra.*

A reference from the Prēby of Derry to this Genll Synod of an affair depending between the congrn of Ushers Key in Dublin, & the congrn of Taughboin, about the transportation of Mr Gray from Taughboin to Ushers Key, the reference of that Prēby being read, came orderly before this Synod. Mr Gray's transportation.

From Ushers Key appeared Mr Bagenall, Mr Norton, Mr Lord, & Mr Aikman, Comrs, Prosecuting their Call to Mr Gray & his transportation to them.

From Taughboin appeared Mr Jon Maclinto, Jon Moderel, Rob.

Wilson, Com^{rs}, to oppose the transportation of Mr Gray from Taughboin to Ushers Key.

Reasoned.

Then the Call from Ushers Key to Mr Gray was read, and a Supplication from the Session & Cong^{rn} of Ushers Key to the Preby of Derry was read; they sett forth their most earnest desires that Mr Gray may be transported from Taughboin to Ushers Key, this, their Supplication they enforced by many reasons. Then the ans^{rs} of Taughboin to these reasons, for the transportation desired, were also read. Then the Com^{rs} from Ushers Key & the Com^{rs} from Taughboin were fully heard; also, Mr Gray was fully heard. Then it was moved, that it be enquired of the Com^{rs} of Ushers Key whether they be willing to subject themselvs to this Synod. These Com^{rs} declared their willingness to subject themselvs to this Synod, and for their Authority so to do, referred themselvs to their Commission from the Session & Cong^{rn} of Ushers Key, which, being read, we find a Clause in it Impowering them to declare the willingness of that Session & Cong^{rn} to be Joined to this Revd Synod, and to any Preby among us which may be thought most proper; and this is signed in their name by their Session Clerk, Daniel Acrry.

Encouragemt to Mr Gray.

Then it was moved to the Com^{rs} of Ushers Key, that they may let us know what encouragement they will give to Mr Gray in case he be transported to them, they replyed that, in that case, they wo'd make his Encouragement as good as that of any other dissenting min^{r} in Dublin. Then Mr Gray and the Com^{rs}, both from Ushers Key & Taughboin were removed, & our Rev^{d} bretheren Correspondents from the Preby in Dublin, waved their priviledge of voteing in this case. Then the Synod came deliberately to weigh the reasons of Ushers Key for the desired transportation, and the ans^{rs} of Taughboin to these reasons, and haveing reasoned this affair at great Length, the vote was stated, transport Mr Gray from Taughboin to Ushers Key or Not.

Transportation of Mr Gray to Ushers Key carryed.

Then Mr Lang was appointed to Call upon God for direction in this affair, and after prayer the vote was put, & it carryed transport by a great majority.

All parties were called, & this Sentence Intimated to them, & they were desired to acquiesce in it; Mr Gray expressed his great reluctancy to leave Taughboin, & yet at the same time declared that he is unwilling to do any thing that might break in upon our constitution, and therefore submitts himself to our determination and as to what Preby among us Mr Gray will Join himself is left to his consideration for some time, but he is to give his Ans^{r} before this Synod Rise; and it was moved that Mr Bruce & Mr Hutcheson converse with the Correspondents from Dublin Preby, & the Com^{rs} from Ushers Key to settle the time & manner of Mr Gray's installment in Ushers Key.

Mr Iredell's declaration & dissent, & reasons.

The Revd Mr Fran. Iredell haveing dissented from the vote allowing such as are willing to subscribe the Westmin^{r} confession of faith, gave in his declaration & dissent, and the reasons of it in these words—In the year 1688, at my ordination, I did openly own my assent to the Westmin^{r} confession of faith as the confession of my faith:

to this assent, by the grace of God I have adhered and do adhere, But since, as I humbly conceive, the vote past on Saturday last Allow or Not &c.—countenances a method of Issueing Scandals or offences, real or supposed, not agreeable to the rule of discipline prescribed in the Word of God, a method unknown to this Church since ever I had the Hon^{r} of being a member of it, a method that may be injurious to the reputation of several bretheren ; for these reasons, and to exonerate my own conscience, I beg leave to dissent from the s^{d} vote, and do desire that this my declaration of assent to the Westmin^{r} confession of faith may be entered into the records of this Synod, as also my dissent, and also, that I may have an Extract of them under the Clerk's hand subscribed.

FRAN. IREDELL.

Mr. Will. Smith also declared that he dissented from the same vote & upon the same reasons, & desired that his dissent might be entered into the records of this Synod. Mr Smith dissents.

A motion was made & agreed to, that in pursuance of our resolution, that such as are willing be allowed to subscribe the Westmin^{r} confession of faith, our Clerk may attend in the Vestrey one hour to-night, & one hour to-morrow morneing, that such as willing may have an opportunity to subscribe the s^{d} Confession.

Adjourned to 10 *mane*, this Session concluded w^{h} prayer.

Die Mart. Jun. 27 *Horâ* 10^{a} *Ante meridiem.* Sessio: 10ma.

After prayer, *Sed^{t} qui supra.*

Appeared from Longford, Alex^{r} Graddon, Com^{r}, Supplicateing that each Prēby within the bounds of this Synod may send a min^{r} or probationer to supply Longford the space of one moneth. This Synod considering their Supplication, agreed, that Mr Jam. Orr, from Down Preby, shall supply them the moneth of July, & Mr Jam. Bann, from Derry Preby, shall supply them the moneth of Aug^{t}, & Mr Sam. Kenay, from Sligo, the moneth of September, and from that time till Next Gen^{ll} Synod, the charge of supplying them is committed to the Synod of Armagh. Longford

A motion was made that, in regard some of Mr Hallyday's cong^{m}, thro their misunderstanding our vote of droppeing the affair of Mr Hallyday's Installment were likely to separate from him, that this Synod wo'd explain what they mean by that Vote. The Synod considering this motion for some time, It was moved that Mr Hallyday be called to declare himself upon the point of Subjection to this Synod. Vote drop.

He was called accordingly, & freely declared, that he is willing to subject himself to his brethren of this Synod in their Synods & Prebys in the Lord in all things where conscience is not concerned, w^{c} he explained further in all things lawfull, where the Laws of the Gospell & the Laws of Society are not broke in upon. Upon w^{c} this Synod declares their intention by the vote drop &c., to be this : That they resolve not to resume any further consideration of this affair, Explained.

but to receive Mr Hallyday as a member of this Synod, overlooking any Irregularities in his Installment. Provided always that this be no precedent in any instance for the future, and then the vote was stated, Approve this resolution or not, and it carryed Approve by a great majority, & Mr Hallyday was called & received accordingly.

Donoghedy united to Derry Preby.

A Supplication from the cong^{rn} of Donoghedy, setting forth their earnest desires to be disjoined from the Preby of Strabane & reunited to the Preby of Derry was read: the Supplicants alledge, that the support of their cong^{rn} depends upon their being reunited to the Preby of Derry. The Synod considering their Supplication, agreed unanimously to grant their petition, and that cong^{rn} is hereby annexed to the Preby of L. Derry.

Adjourned to 4 *a meridie:*

This Session concluded w^{h} prayer.

Sessio 11ma.

Horâ 4ta, *a meridie.*

After prayer, *Sed^{t} qui supra.*

Mr Gray declared his resolution to continue a member of the Preby of Derry till Next Gen^{ll} Synod, and therefore, the cong^{rn} of Ushers Key is to be under the conduct of that Preby Untill that time.

A motion was made, this Synod wo'd make a charitable declaration in favour of the bretheren who are not free to subscribe the Westmin^{r} confession of faith; and Mr Boyse brought in a draught of s^{d} declaration w^{c} was read: the Synod considering this affair, it was moved that, whereas the brethren who are not willing to subscribe s^{d} confession have protested against our comeing to a vote, whether we shod allow such as are willing to subscribe s^{d} confession, may withdraw their protest in order to clear our way to make such a charitable declaration in their favor. Hereupon these brethren who protested withdrew, & after some time being returned, brought in a declaration in the following words :—The members of this Synod who find it necessary to protest against comeing to a vote at that time concerning voluntary subscription, do declare, they charitably believe their bretheren whose sentiments & practices are herein different from their own have acted according to the light of their consciences, & it was not the design of the protest to insinuate any thing to the Contrary. And the members who protested declare for their parts a resolution to maintain the same brotherly correspondence & Communion w^{h} their Revd Bretheren as formerly, and to endeavour conscientiously to preserve the Hon^{r}, Just Authority, peace & order of our Ecclesiastical assemblies, vizt. :—Sessions, Prēbys, & Synods, being subject to our bretheren in the Lord, and to promote Love & peace among all our people.

Charitable declaration.

A draught of charitable declaration in favour of our nonsubscribeing brethren was agreed to in these words—For preventing misconstructions & allaying animosities that may arise among our people on occasion of what has been now transacted in this Synod in reference to voluntary subscription, It's Humbly overtured that the Revd Synod make the following charitable declaration—vizt: that this Synod, by

allowing such min^{rs} as Judge it Necessary for the satisfaction of their consciences & of their people, and to give a testimony to the truth and for makeing a declaration of their faith, and for their own vindication to subscribe the Westminin^{r} confession of faith at this time, do not intend to insinuate the least reflection upon such as have not a freedom to fall into that method as if they were unsound in the faith, and that different sentiments on that head do not Justify uncharitable Jealousies & censures of one another or breach of Communion among us, and therefore we do earnestly recommend it to our people that they may entertain no Jealousies or ill opinions concerning any of their min^{rs} meerly on account of their not subscribing at this time, But that they w'd look upon this as a matter wherein Christians & min^{rs} are to Exercise mutual forbearance towards one another. These declarations were voted & approven by this Synod.

Mr Math. Clerk dissented from this vote, & desired that his dissent might be entered into the records of this Synod. Mr Clerk's Dissent.

The Clerk, accordeing to appointment, attended in the Vestrey to receive ye subscriptions of such brethren as are willing to subscribe the Westmin^{r} confession of faith, & many bretheren came & subscribed the same; their names, together with the formula in w^{c} they subscribed, are annexed in a Schedule at the End of these minutes.

Mr Rob. Thomson gave in his dimission of his charge of the cong^{rn} of Belturbet, as also the reasons of his dimission: in them he setts forth that his cong^{rn} ows him three years' Stipend, & that there is fourty pound of the fund money promised him by the Synod in Arrears, so that he cannot subsist his family in these circumstances, and therefore is oblidged to give in his dimission. Mr Robt Thomson's Dimission.

Also, a Supplication from the cong^{rn} of Belturbet was read: they sett forth their earnest desires of haveing the Gospell continued w^{h} them, and y^{t} the Arrears of the fund due to their min^{r} may be speedyly paid to him, y^{t} so he may be able to stay among them. This was referred to the Comm: of funds.

An Appeal from the Prēby of Armagh, by some of Dromore cong^{rn} in reference to Mr Carlisle, came orderly before this Synod. The Appeal was read and the Sentence of the Prēby of Armagh, & the reasons of the Appeal were read, also a Commission from part of the Session & Cong^{rn} of Dromore to Mr Magill, &c., to appear in opposition to s^{d} Appeal was read. The Synod considered this case, & heard the Com^{rs} from both parts of the cong^{rn} of Dromore, & also the Preby of Armagh were heard, & they & all parties being removed, the vote was stated, Approve the Conduct of the Preby of Armagh or not, & it carryed Approve *nemine contradicente.* Appeal from Armagh Preby. Preby approven.

From the Session of Antrim Appeared Mr Jo^{n} Shaw, Jam. Bell, &c., Com^{rs} supplicateing that this Synod may take the most effectual methods to preserve charity & Union, & to secure the reputation & Usefulness of these worthy min^{rs} who have conscientiously declared against subscribing the Westmin^{r} confession of faith at this time. Supplicaon from Antrim Session.

For makeing the Pacific Act more Effectual & secureing the peace of this church, It is Overtured: Overtures.

I°.—that no person be licensed, ordained, or Installed without the concurrence of two-thirds of the Preby then present, & if there be an odd min^r in the Preby he shall be added to the two-thirds.

II°.—If there be a Protest entered by any one min^r against the licenseing, ordaining, or Installing any min^r or candidate, In that case the proceedings of that Preby in that affair, shall cease till the meeting of the Next Synod.

Overtures.

III°.—If the Pacific Act be violated in the manner of licenseing, ordaining, or installing any person, the min^r who shall preside in the licenseing, ordaining, or installing such person, shall be suspended at the discretion of the Subsequent Synod. All these Overtures were voted & Approven by this Synod.

Agreed to.

Adjourned to 7 of the clock to morrow morneing.

This Session concluded w^h prayer.

Die Mercur. June 28, *Horâ* 7ma *ante merid:*

After prayer, *Sed^t qui supra.*

The several Prebys returned the names of their members for the Synods' fixt Committee, they are these for Longford Prēby : Mr Tate, Mr Simm ; Antrim, Mr Leech, Mr Masterton ; Colerain, M^r M^cbride, Mr Jam. Thomson ; Augher, Mr Irwine, Mr Hemphill ; Tyrrowen, Mr Tho. Kennedy, Mr Nathan. Cochran ; Letterkenny, Mr Fairley, Mr John Homes ; Derry, Mr Gray, Mr Stirling, Mr Murray ; Belfast, Mr Seaton, Mr Fraser ; Armagh, Mr Hutcheson, Mr Fleming ; Strabane, Mr Maxwell, Mr Donaldson ; Down, Mr Biggar, Mr Dixon ; with these Elders, Co^ll Upton, Cap^tn Wilson, Mr John Agnew, Fran. Scot, Cap^tn Stephenson, Cap^tn Henderson, Mr Richard Norton, Tho. Jameson, Mr James Johnston, Mr John Wilson & Mr Hugh Wallace, fifteen of these to be a quorum, twelve whereof to be min^rs, & this Committee is to be called by our Mod^r to meet upon Emergents at Dungannon. But if the Joint Committee of South & North be oblidged to meet upon any Emergent they are to be called by the Preby in Dublin & our Mod^r Jointly, & to meet at Newry, & if any member here named Cannot attend, his Preby is to appoint another In his Stead.

Members of the Synod's Committee.

Jo^n Young, Will. Simm, & several other members of the old cong^rn of Belfast brought in a Supplication w^c was read : they earnestly pray that they may be allowed to Erect a new cong^rn in Belfast, & that this Synod may allow them monethly Supplyes. Also another Supplication to the same purpose, signed by Mr Smith, Mr Lennox, & several other Gen^t in Belfast was read : they also supplicate for a new Erection & monethly Supplies, these Gen^t offer that there will be sufficient security given for the maintenance to the min^r of s^d Erection when they shall be planted ; they further plead that there is great Necessity for s^d Erection on account of the numerousness of their cong^rn, & they hope this will be a mean to make the gospell more successful. Then Mr Hallyday was heard, & the Com^rs from both parts of the old cong^rn, & then all parties were removed, & the Synod came to consider this affair, & it was moved and agreed to,

Supplicaons from some of the old congregation in Belfast for an Erection.

that Co^{ll} Upton, Mr Hutcheson, Mr Abernethy go out and frame an overture on this affair, who, being returned, brought in the following Overture:—The Synod seriously considered the Supplication laid before them by some members of the Old cong^{rn} of Belfast, and at some length reasoned about the way of their comeing in at this time and the method in w^{c} that affair may be brought to a good Issue, and tho' the Synod desire not to countenance the least breach of the charitable resolutions made by themselves at their last Sederunt, yet, being willing to give all reasonable satisfaction to the regular desires of all who may apply unto them, have agreed that the Supplicants and such as adhere to them, shall, first of all, Endeavor by mutual and amicable conversation among themselves and with their Neighbours, and also with Mr Hallyday to come to Unanimity and concord, and haveing made this tryal at what time soever the Supplicants think it proper, they may lay the whole matter in the ordinary course before their own Prby, who are appointed without all frustratory delay to give their decision therein, and if any of the parties concerned think themselves injured by the determination of the Prby, they may appeal to the Gen^{ll} Synod's Committee, w^{c} the Mod^{r} of the Gen^{ll} Synod is appointed to Call upon notice given him by the Appellants, to meet at Dungannon, to determine that business as soon as conveniently may be; this overture was voted and Approven. Overture Agreed to.

Adjourned to 5 *a meridie:*

This Session concluded w^{h} prayer.

Die Mer: Horâ 5ta A Meridie. Sessio: 13ta

After prayer, *Sed^{t} qui Supra.*

Mr Pat. Simson gave in his dimission of his charge of the cong^{rn} of Dundalk, his reason is because the fund promised him by this Synod is so ill paid to him, that he cannot subsist among that people. The Synod considering this affair, do recommend it to the Preby of Armagh to accept of Mr Simson's dimission if they see cause. Mr Simson's Dimission.

A Supplication from the cong^{rn} of Drum, earnestly praying that this Synod may take some care to support their min^{r} was read, they reprsent their circumstances to be verry deplorable, &c. The Synod, considering this affair, renews the Appointment made last year in favour of M^{r} M^{c}gachin, vizt: that each min^{r} within bounds of this Synod pay him one shill: and sixpence. Mr Michael Bruce is to collect s^{d} money from the Belfast Prby, Mr Nivin from Down, Mr Mackay from Armagh, Mr Jo^{n} Kennedy from Tyreown, Mr Abernethy from Antrim, Mr Higginbothom from Colerain, Mr Ross from Derry, Mr Ferguson from Strabane, Mr Rob. Thomson from Longford, Mr Dunlop from Letterkenny, and to transmit it to Mr Magachin as soon as may be. This Synod also recommends it to each cong^{rn} within our bounds to contribute some assistance towards the buildeing of Drum Meeting-house. Supplication from Drum. Appointm^{t}

The Petition of Jo^{n} Holden, a verry poor man, praying for some charitable assistance from this Synod was read. The Synod, considering Charity to John Holden

his case, do recommend him to all the several cong^{rns} within our bounds as an object of charity and compassion, that they may give him some assistance.

Mr McCrackan and Mr Robt Wilson.

This Synod renews the Appointment made by last Gen^{ll} Synod in favor of Mr Robt Wilson and Mr Alexr McCrackan, Junr, vizt: that there be a Collection in all the several cong^{rns} within our bounds with previous intimation, for their relief. Mr Alexr Fleming is to collect from Augher Prby, Mr Johnston from Armagh, Mr Tho. Kennedy from Tyreowen, Mr Victor Ferguson from Strabane, Mr Ross from Derry, Mr Simm from Longford, Mr Dunlop from Letterkenny, Mr Mcbride from Colerain, Mr Livingston from Antrim, Mr Kirkpatrick from Belfast, and Mr Nivin from Down Prby. What can be gott is to be brought to Next Gen^{ll} Synod for their relief.

The Committee of funds brought in the followeing report of Arrears due upon the General fund:—

Due to Belturbet	40 : 13 : 6	thus by Longford Prby	£14
		Augher	14 : 16 : 6
		Tyrone	2 : 10 : 0
		Letterkenny	1 : 10 : 0
		Colerain	7 : 0 : 0
		Antrim	0 : 10 : 0
to Dunfanachy	10 : 15 : 0	by Strabane	3 : 0 : 0
		Lisburn	1 : 0 : 0
		Letterkenny	0 : 10 : 0
		Derry	6 : 0 : 0
to Galway	51 : 00 : 0	y Down Preby £45 Derry Prby £6	
to Golan	81 : 00 : 0	by Derry Prby £37 Tyrone £11 : 14 : 0 Convoy, £6; Antrim, £1; Colerain, £6; Augher, £4	
to Lurgan	57 : 6 : 0	by Armagh, £40 : 6 : 0; Antrim, £2; Monaghan, £5; by the Synod, £10	
to Dundalk	101 : 11 : 8	by Antrim Prby £51 : 9 : 0; Armagh, £21 : 2 : 0: Colerain, £9; Down, £3 : 10 : 8; Belfast, £16 : 0 : 0	
to Drogheda	173 : 10 : 6	by Belfast, £112; Armagh, £12 : 17 : 4: Derry, £12 : 10 : 0; Down, £13 : 3 : 2; by the Synod, £17 : 0 : 0; Lisburn, £6 : 0 : 0	
to Stranorlan	10 : 11 : 00	by Strabane, £8: 11 : 0; Antrim, £2 : 0 : 0	
to Castle blaney	18 : 4 : 0	by Armagh, £2; Tyrowen, £3 : 10 : 0; Augher, £12 : 14 : 0	
to Sligo	22 : 15 : 0	by Letterkenny, £8 : 15 : 0; Colerain, £8; Derry, £6 : 0 : 0	
to Vinicash	12 : 0 : 0	by Armagh Prby, £12 : 0 : 0	
to Kirk Donald	7 : 5 : 2	by Belfast Prby £7 : 5 : 2	

All the Applotments of the funds are to continue as they were adjusted last year, which was in the manner followeing :—

Belfast Prby to pay	38 : 15 : 0	to Kirkdonald, £4; to Moyra, £5 to Drogheda, £21 : 0 : 0; to Dundalk, £8; to Moywater, 15s
Down Prby	30 : 5 : 0	to Dundalk, £3 : 10 : 0; to Galway, £18: to Drogheda, £8: to Moywater, 15s
Antrim Prby	31 : 5 : 0	to Dunean, £5; to Dundalk, £10 : 10 : 0; to Edenderry, £5 : 10 : 0; to Turbet, 10s; to Stranorlan, £2; Moywater, 5s
Armagh Prby	32 : 5 : 0	to Vinicash, £9; to Edenderry, £3 : 10s; to Lurgan, £15; to Drogheda, £5 : 0 : 0; to Moywater 15s
Longford Prby	10 : 10 : 0	to Turbet, £5 : 10 : 0; to Athlone, £5 : 0 : 0
Augher Prby	18 : 0 : 0	to Castleblaney, £11; to Golan, £4; to Turbet, £3
Tyrone Prby	18 : 0 : 0	to Loughgall, £12; to Edenderry, £3 : 10s; to Turbet, £2 : 10s
Strabane Prby	14 : 10 : 0	to Stranorlan, £6; to Badony, £7 : 10 : 0; Clandevadog, £1 : 0 : 0
Colerain Prby	21 : 0 : 0	to Athlone, £5; to Sligo, £5 : 10s: to Turbet, £7 : 0 : 0
Letterkenny Prby	11 : 10 : 0	to Turbet, £1 : 10; to Dumfanachy, 10s; to Sligo, £9 : 10sh.
Derry Prby	25 : 0 : 0	to Clandevadog, £4; Dumfanachy, £6; to Movill, £10 : 0 : 0; Moywater, £5 : 00 : 0
Lisburn Cong^{m}	4 : 0 : 0	to Drogheda, £1; to Dumfanachy, £1 : 0 : 0; to Galway, £2 : 0 : 0
Total,	255 : 10 : 00	

Last Gen^{ll} Synod promised fifty pounds to Mr Dunlop of Athlone for reimburseing his charges in the consistorial court. This Synod renewed the appointment on that affair. In pursuance whereof the several Prbys shall pay him the followeing Summs :— Mr Dunlop.

Belfast	7 : 10 : 4	Down Prby	5 : 18 : 2	Antrim Prby	6 : 6 : 2
Armagh	6 : 10 : 2	Longford	2 : 2 : 2	Augher	3 : 14 : 2
Tyreone	3 : 12 : 2	Strabane	2 : 18 : 2	Colerain	4 : 4 : 2
Letterkenny	2 : 6 : 2	Derry	5 : 0 : 2	total	50 : 0 : 0

This Synod concluded w^{h} prayer.

WILL. MACKAY, C.G.S.

The Bretheren, whose names are hereunto Annexed, in pursuance of the vote passed in this Synod, alloweing such as are willing to

subscribe the Westminster confession of faith, subscribed the s^d^ confession in the followeing formula :—

Reserveing to our selves the benefit of the pacific Act.

We believe the Westminster confession of faith to be founded on the word of God, and therefore, as such, by this our subscription, we do own the the s^d^ confession as the confession of our faith.

June 26, 1721.

Longford Prby.
Robt Thomson
David Simm
Alex^r^ Hamilton
James Hamilton, Probationer

Antrim Prby.
Will. Taylor
James Creighton
Will. Leech
Sam. Getty
Jam. White
Char. Masterton
Alex^r^ Brown
Will. Livingston

Down Prby.
John Gaudie
James Bruce
Henry Hamilton, in terminis
Thos. Orr
Sam. Shanon
James Reid
James M^c^Calpin
Tho. Elder
Arch. Dickson
Nethan Orr
Will. Biggar
Will. Smith

Tyrone Prby.
Henry Crooks
Thomas Kennedy
Hugh Wallace
John Kennedy
Alex^r^ Moor
Nethan Cochran
Jam. Dykes
Rob. Stewart
David Tomb
Thom. Mulligan

Colerain Prby.
Math. Clerk
Rob. Haltridge
Hen. Neil
Will. Boyd
Jo^n^ Porter
Rob. M^c^bride
Jo^n^ Cochran
Rob. Higginbothom
James Thomson
Rob. Knox

Augher Prby.
Josias Cornwall
Rob, Coltheart
Sam. Irwine
Bapt. Boyd
Sam. Hemphill
Nethan Glasgow

Belfast Prby.
Jam. Fraser
And. Craford
Char. Seaton
Jo^n^ Riddel
Alex^r^ M^c^Crakan
Jam. Cobham
Fran. Iredell
Rob. Sinclare
Jam. Stewart
Rob. Wirling
Jo^n^ Malcom

Armagh Prby
Gilbert Kennedy, in terminis
Jo^n^ Wilson
James Moor, in terminis
Will. Mackay. Jo^n^ Campbell
Rob. Gordon, in terminis
Jo^n^ Hutcheson
Jam. Fleming
Rob. Rainey

Letterkenny Prby.
Sam. Henry
Sam. Dunlop
Char. Lynd
Rob. Wilson
Fran. Laird
David Fairley
James Cochran
Jo^{n} Homes
Pat Vance

Derry Prby.
Wm. Gray
Jo^{n} Stirling
Jam. Wallace
Tho. Harvey
Jo^{n} Harvey, Junr
Major Murray
Sam. Ross
Will. Cunnigham
James Johnston
Pat Simson
Geo. Lang

The followeing brethren subscribed at Newry, Augt 1st
Arch. Maclain, Senr
Char. Wallace
Arch. Maclain, Junr

Strabane Prby.
Thom. Winsley
Jam. Maxwell
Alex^{r} McCraken
Jo^{n} Ball
Victor Ferguson

98 Min^{rs}

The following Elders subscribed:—

Jam. Anderson
Jo^{n} Campbell
Jo^{n} Campbell
Jam. Murray
Jam. McCrea
Adam Henry
Jam. Johnston
Jo^{n} Magill
Will. Ramsey
Jo^{n} Clark
Math. Montgomery
James Stephenson
Will. Agnew
Jo^{n} Agnew
Will. Duglass
Sam. Halyday
Jo^{n} Craig
Jo^{n} Rodgers
James Morison
Will. Boyd
Jo^{n} Fisher
Jo^{n} Bowcok
Gilb. Crawford
Jo^{n} Hart
Alex^{r} Morison
Joseph Morrison
Jam. Boyd
Jo^{n} Walker
Tho. Small
Rob. McCallen, according to the terms of the Pacific Act.
Ja. Jackson
Hugh Donaldson
Jo. Henderson
Jo^{n} Laird
Jam. White

35 Elders.

At a General Synod, met in Londonderry, June the 19th, 1722.

Mr William Gray, Moderator to the former Synod, opened this

Sermon.

Synod by preaching on Mala. the 3d and 3d, and after Constitution by Prayer. *Seder*t, the Minrs and ruleing Elders :—

	Minrs	Elders
Antrim :	Mr Brown	Jos Innis
	Mr Aberneathy	John Shaw
	Mr Masterton	Coll Upton
	Mr Livingston	Fra. Taggart
	Mr Thos Willson	Mr Cha. Johnston
	Jas Creighton	Thos Wilson
	Thos Shaw	Hugh Owens
	Jon Henderson	Jas Hill
	Jas White	Jon M'Tra
	Josias Clugston	
Colrain :	Matt. Clerk	Jon Wiley
	Robt. Haltridge	Mr Dorrence
	Honery Neil	Mr Arch. Stirling
	Wm Boyd	Mr Arch. Campbell
	Robt Higginbothom	Jas Hemphill
	Jon Porter	Mr Jas Ferguson
	Robt. M'Bride	
	John Cochran	Dan. Boyle
	Thos Cobham	Mr Gawin Steel
	Jas Thompson	Mr Thos Reed
	Robt. Knox	Geo. Lesslie
Augher :	Robt. Coltheart	Robt. Wily
	Bapt. Boyd	Jon Armstrong
	Thos Thomson	John Moore
	Alex. Fleming	Jas Saunderson
	Josias Cornwall	Wm Faires
	Wm Hair	Robt. Strachan
	Sam. Magachin	
	Thos McClane	Jon McKee
	Saml Hemphill	Jon Colter
	Nath. Glasgow	Jon Carson
	Jon Carlisle	
Down	Mr Bruce	Mr McCullagh
	Hen. Hamilton	Jon Adair
	Sam. Shannon	Peter Dunn
	Wm Biggar	
	Wm Smith	Gilbert Jackson
	Jas Reid	Jon Coulter
	Archt Dixson	Wm McCrey
	Thos Nivin	
	Thos Elder	
	Jon Mairs	
Tyrone :	Hen. Crookes	Adam Willson
	Jon McCleave	Mr Leadly
	Thos Mulligan	Jas Busby

	Mr Hugh Wallace	Nath. Dunlap
	John Kenedy	Josias Bryans
	Alex. Moore	Nath. Paterson
	Nath. Cochran	
	Jas Dykes	Jon Hanna
	Jas Orr	
	Robt. Stewart	
Letterkenny :	Robt. Campbell	James Watt
	Sam Henery	Jon Hutcheson
	Seth Drumand	Capt. Henderson
	Sam. Dunlap	Sam. Dunsmore
	Robt. Willson	Robt. Fairley, and Rich. McIlwaine
	Fran. Laird	Gab. King
	David Fairly	Jon Gay
	Jas Cochran	Mr Wm Bann
	Jon Holmes	Mr John Henderson
	Pat Vance	Jon Rankin
Derry :	Mr. Ferguson	Jon Williamson
	Mr. Harvy, senr	Richd Kelly
	Wm Gray	Mr Math Lynd
	Jon Stirling	Mich. McLeery
	Thos Winsley	Ald. Mackey
	Hans Stewart	Andr Carson
	Jas Wallace	And. Ramage
	Thos Harvy	
	John Harvy, Junr	
	Sam. Ross	Sam. Logan
	Major Murray	Michl Johnston
	Nin. Cochran	Richd Wiley
	Thos Strabridge	
	Wm Cunigham	
Belfast :	And. Craford	Wm Martin
	Jas Kirkpatrick	Wm Rainey
	Jas Cobham	John Hasty
	Jon Ridle	Coll. Bryce
	Cha. Seaton	Jon M'Kitrick
	Jas Stewart	Edward Whiteside
	Robt. Wirling	John Shaw
	Mich. Bruce	Davd McCullagh
	Robt. Craighead	
	Pat. Bruce	
	Jas Fraser	
	Sam. Hallyday	
Armagh :	John Hutcheson	Davd Johnston
	John Willson	Robt. Wallace
	Geo. Lang	Wm Atcheson
	Gill. Kennedy	Archd Stewart
	Robert Rainy	Jon Leister

	Ja^{s} Johnston	Fran. Moore
	Will. Mackay	Capt. M'Neil
	Ja^{s} Moore	
	Hugh Henery	
	Pat Simpson	
Strabane :	Sam. Halyday	Mr Love
	Ja^{s} Maxwell	Will Craford
	Wm Homes	
	Jo^{n} Ball	John Lowry
	Ale^{x} McCracken	
	Nehe^{a} Donaldson	Jo^{n} Sample
	Victor Ferguson	Mr Hugh
	Jo^{s} Hemphill	— Moore
Longford	Thos Anderson	
	Sam. Dunlop	Benj. Parsons
	Robt Thompson	Mr Calib Barns
	Alex^{r} Hamilton	
	William Patton	

Mr Weld
Mr Boyse
Mr Stewart
Mr Choppin
Correspondents from the Reverend Preby in Dublin.

Moderator chosen.

The Former Moderator Desireing that a new Modêra^{r} may be Chosen, proposed a Leet of the following Bretheren, vizt: Mr Robt. Rainy, Mr Henery Hamilton, Mr John Harvy, Senr, Mr William Homes, Mr James Cobham, Mr Cha. Masterton, Mr Robt. Haltridge, Mr Thos Kennedy, Mr Seth Drumand and Mr Josias Cornwall, Mr Matthew Clerk, Mr John Hutcheson, Mr Saml Henery, that one of them may be chosen Moderator to this Synod, and these breth^{rn} being removed, the vote was put, and Mr Thos Kennedy was chosen Moderator by Plurality of voices.

Clerk.

Then it was Moved that this Synod may Consider whether they will Continue Mr Mackay, Clerk, or Choise another, and the Synod unanimously agreed to continue Mr Mackay, Clerk, and Mr Willson is to assist him.

Correspondt^{s}.

Mr Weld, Mr Boyse Mr Stewart and Mr Chopin produced their Comisson from the Presby of Dublin, to Correspond with this Synod, this was Referred to Interloq^{r}.

Comittee.

For the more orderly Managing the affairs to be Laid before this Synod the sev^{l} presbys are to return their Members for the sev^{l} Comittees, vizt: of Overtures, Bills for reviseing the Synod books and fund to next Sederunt.

It was Moved and Agreed to that all the Members of this Synod meet here tomorrow morning at Seven of the Clock, and continue in prayer till Ten, Interloquitur, from Ten to Eleven open Synod to

meet at Eleven. Concluded with Prayer—adjourned to 11. of the Clock to morrow morning. Prayer.

Die Mercur Hord 11 *An. Merid: June* 20*th, after prayer, Sedert.* Sessio: 2da.

The time appointed for prayer was observed, the Interloqr of the whole House being Mett at 10 of the Clock, Mr Weld, Mr Boyse, Mr Stewart, and Mr Chopin haveing produced their Comiss. from the Preby of Dublin at last Sederunt, which being reffer'd to this Interloqr, that affair was now resumed, and it was moved that the Synod would Consider whether they will receive them as Correspondents or not, the bretherens Judgment were severally asked, and after some reasoning their Comission was Sustained, and they received accordingly. Correspondts received.

The Sevl Prebys returned the names of their Members for the severall Comittees as follows:—

Overtures.	Bills.	Books	Fund.
Mr Masterton	Mr Creighton	Mr Henderson	Mr Brown
Mr Livingston	Mr Thos Shaw	Mr White	Mr Higginbothom
Mr Aberneathy	Mr Willson	Mr Clugston	Mr Cobham
Mr Clerk	Mr M'Bride	Mr Thomson	Mr Boyd
Mr Halbridge	Mr Neal	Mr Knox	Mr M'Clane
Mr Boyde	Mr Porter	Mr Hemphill	Mr Biggar
Mr Thompson	Mr Hair	Mr Glasgow	Mr Elder
Mr Fleming	Mr Magahin	Mr Carlisle	Mr John Kennedy
Mr Cornwall	Mr Plunkett	Mr Thos Niven	Mr Nathaniell Cochran
Mr Bruce	Mr Hamilton	Mr Mairs	
Mr Shannon	Mr Smith	Mr Dukes	Mr Jas Orr
Mr Crooks	Mr Mulligan	Mr Vance	Mr Fairly
Mr M'Cleave	Mr Wallace	Mr Stewart	Mr John Holmes
Mr Drumand	Mr Moore	Mr Willson	Mr John Stirling
Mr Dunlop	Mr Lind	Mr Harvy, Junr	Mr Murray
Mr Hen. Laird	Mr Cochran	Mr Stawbridge	Mr Cunigham
Mr Gray	Mr Wallace	Mr Michl Bruce	Mr Pat. Bruce
Mr Winsley	Mr Thos. Harvy	Mr Stewart	Mr John Willson
Mr Harvy, Senr	Mr Ross	Mr Riddell	Mr J. Maxwell
Mr Kirkpatrick	Mr Jas Cobham	Mr Fraser	Mr Donaldson
Mr Halyday	Mr Seaton	Mr Lang	Mr Patton
Mr Craighead	Mr Wirling	Mr Moore	Mr Nivin
Mr Craford	Mr Johnston	Mr Victr Ferguson	Mr Lang
Mr Hutcheson	Mr Simson	Mr Hemphill	Mr Laird
Mr Gilb. Kennedy	Mr Rainy	Mr Dunlop	Mr Jon M'Kee
Mr Mackay	Mr M'Cracken		Capt. M'Neil
Mr Homes	Mr Hamilton	and their Elders.	and their Elders.
Mr Ball	and their Elders.		
Mr Robt Thomson			
and their Elders.			

Mr Weld, Mr Boyse, Mr Stewart, Mr Chopin.

The Following Bretheren, vizt—Mr Taylor, Senr., M. Leech, M. Gety,

Mr Mair, Mr Gaudie, Mr M'Alpin, Mr Malcome, Mr Iredell, Mr M'Cracken Mr Maclaine, Senr, Mr Charles Wallace, Mr Cherry, Mr Fleming, Mr Robt. Gordon, being absent from this Synod, are all Excused for reasons now offered to this Synod.

Absents Excused.

These following bretheren are absent :—Mr Irwin, Mr Mongomry, Mr Nathaniel Orr, Mr Tomb, Mr John Campbell, Mr Archibald, M'Claine, Junr, Mr Teat, Mr Sim, Mr Dean, Mr Robt. Sinclar, and are not Excused.

Absents not Excused;

Dead

Mr Thos. Orr Died, Janry the 1st, 1721/2.

Mr Alex. Sinclar Died, Aprill the 6th, 1722.

Ordained

The Preby of Augher report that they have ordained Mr John Carlisle on January the 10th, 172½, and have Licensed Mr Mat. Chalmers.

The Preby of Tyrone have ordained Mr James Orr, May the 30th, 1722.

The Preby of Derry have ordained Mr Thos. Stawbridge, Licente October the 3d, 1721.

The Preby of Strabane have ordained Mr Jos. Hemphill, July the 12th, 1721.

The Presby of Longford have ordained Mr Dean, October 9th, 1721, and Mr Patton, December the 7th, 1721.

The Preby of Colraine have on Second Tryals Mr Ross and Mr Jon Elder, and they have Licensed Mr Samuel Willson, and have received Mr John Orr, a probationer from Scotland.

The Preby of Down have Licensed Mr John Orr.

The Preby of Belfast have Licensed Mr David Helm.

The Preby of Longford have Licensed Mr Little, and Mr Dennison, and they have Mr Bann on 2d Tryals.

On first and 2d Tryals.

The Preby of Tyrone have Mr Rea on first Tryals.

The Preby of Down have Mr Hugh Williamson on 2d Tryals.

The Preby of Armagh have Mr Menagh on Second Tryals.

It was moved by the Clerk, that whereas by reason of the Multiplicity of business in the Last Synod, Sevll Minutes of the preceeding Synod were not read, they may be read now, it was agreed they should be now read, and the Clerk is ordered to begin where he broke off the year before.

Funds.

And the Minuets relateing to the fund being read wee find that the severall prebys are much in arrear, it was agreed that the Comittee of funds shall meet at 3 : *A Meridie*, and the bretheren that are upon the fund are to attend them, and that afterwards the whole Synod meet at 5 *A Meridie*, by way of Comittee upon the affair of the fund.

Mr McCraken and Mr Willson.

Inquiry was made whether the severall Prebys have collected for Mr. M'Craken and Mr Robt. Willson, according the appointemt of Last Generall Synod, it appears that the Prebys of Longford, Tyrone, Antrim, Bellfast and Down and Collraine, have paid Little, and

sev^lls in the other prebys are behind. Each Preby is strictly Enjoyned at their first Seder^t to Enquire who are Deficient, and to take effectuall Care to Collect said Money, and to Transmitt it to M^r M'Craken and Mr Willson, for their Reliefe.

The Bretheren from Dublin promise to Contribute to their reliefe before they leave this towne. All Comittees to meet at 3, and Comittee of the whole house at 5 *A Meridie.*

Adjourned till 5. Concluded with Prayer.

Die Mer Hord 5ta, A Meridie. After Prayer, *Seder^t qui Supra.* Sessio: 3^tia.

The Comittee of the whole house being mett Entered upon the consideracon of the affair comitted to them, and first Inquiry was made whether the sevrall prebys have paid their proportion of the Expences of the Lawsuite comenced by Mr Darragh ag^t Some Members of this Synod; it appears that sevrall prebys are deficient, it is Recomended to the sevrall prebys to pay their proportions of said money at their first Seder^t. Expences of Mr Darragh's Lawsuite.

The Comittee of Funds brought in an account of the Debts due upon the fund as follows, *Imprimis:*—Due to Dundalk, £106; of which Antrim Preby owes £56 : 4 : 6; Belfast, £17; Colraine, £10 : 10; Down, £1 : 15; Ardmagh, £19 : 12. Debts Due upon the Fund.

Item due to Sligo, £21 : 5 : 0; of which Derry Preby ow's £4 : 10; Colraine preby, £11, and Letterkeny Preby, £5 : 5 : 0.

Due to Turbett, £40 : 19 : 0.

Item due to Stranorland, £18 : 11 : 0, of which Strabane preby owe £14 : 11; Antrim, £4 : 0 : 0.

Item due to Edenderry, £64 : 12 : 10; of which the General Synod owe £9 : 19 : 4; Down preby, £11 : 15 : 0; Armagh preby, £25 : 12; Antrim preby, £16 : 16 : 6; Derry, 10s.

Item due to Glendevadoge, £13 : 0s; of which Derry Preby owes £12 : 0; Strabane Preby, £1 : 0 : 0.

Item due to Gallway, £62 : 1 : 1; of which Down Preby owe £54 : 1 : 1; Derry Preby, £6 : 0 : 0; Lisburne Congregacon, £2.

Item due to Drumfanaghy, £8 : 15 : 0; of which Derry preby owe £6 : 0; Lisburn, £1; Strabane, £1 : 15.

Item due to Athlone, £339 : 1 : 0.

Item due Kirkdonald, £7 : 8 : 9; of which Down preby owes 17s 0d; Convoy, £1 : 13; Bellfast, £4 : 17 : 9d.

Item due to Loughgall, by the preby of Tyrone, £12.

Item due to Gclan, £81 : 16, of which Derry preby owes £37 : 0; Monaghan, £16; Tyrone. £4 : 14; Convoy, £6 : 0; Antrim, £1 : 0; Colraine, £6 : 0; Augher, £6 : 8.

Item due to Vinicash, £16 : 12, by Ardmagh Preby.

Supplicacons from Cong^{ns} on the Fund.

Then a supplicacion from Sligo, a supplicacon from Turbett, a Suplicacon from Glendevadoge, a Supplic^{n} from Drumfanaghy, a Suplicacon from Athlone, a Suplicacon from Moywater, setting forth the sinking state of these congr^{ns}, by reason of the Deficiency of the fund, were read, the Synod considering the sev^{ll} supplicacons, appointed the Comittee of funds to meet at 8 to-morrow morning, and to resume the consideracon of the state of the fund, and to make a report to morrow in the afternoon ; and it was moved and agreed to that Capt. McNeil, Mr Lang and Mr Nivin, be added to the Comittee of funds.

Drum

A Supplication from Drum setting forth the sinking state of that cong^{rn} was read, and they pray earnestly for assistance from this Synod : this was reffered to next sederunt.

The Minutes of this Synod in the year 1720 were read over. All comittees to meet at 7 tomorrow morning, and open Synod at 9 : Concluded with prayer.

Sessio: 4ta.

Die Jovis June *the* 21 *Hora* 9^{a} : *Ante Meridiem, Sederunt qui Supra.*

Time and place of next Synod.

The Synod came to Consider the time and place of next meeting of this Synod, and after reasoning a Leet of these places were proposed—Dungannon, Armagh, Antrim, the vote being put, it carried that next Meeting of this Synod is to be at Dungannon, on the third Tuesday of June next Sermon to begin at 5 of the clock in the afternoon.

The Revisers of Derry book report that they revised the said book for the two preceeding years, and do approve it, and so doth this Synod.

Charity to Mrs Boyd.

Mr Hugh Wallace haveing been appointed to collect the Charity of the Sev^{ll} Prebys for Mrs Boyd, reporte that the prebys of Antrim, Down, Longford, Strabane and Armagh Have done Nothing, and that many Members of the other prebys are defficient, ordered that each preby w^{h} hath not paid their Charitable Contribution to Mrs Boyde, collect for her as soon as possible, and Transmitt the same to Mr Hugh Wallace for her use.

Location of the Fund.

The Synod Enquired if each preby have made alocation of the fund according to the act of Last Gen^{ll} Synod, it appears that sev^{ll} prebys have not Done it, this Synod is Dissatisfied with these prebys who have not Complyed with that act, and Enjoyns such Prebys to make alocation of their fund at their next Sederunt.

Protest Explained.

Upon Reading our record of the Vote past in this Synod Last year, allowing such as are willing to subscribe the Westminster Confession of faith, and the protest Entered by the Reverend Correspondents from the Preby in Dublin. These Correspondents—vizt., Mr Boyse and Mr Choppin Explained themselves thus, that the design of their protest was only against comeing to the vote that night, it being late, and not ag^{t} the main question Subscribe or not.

This Synod agrees that our Treasurer pay our clerk one Shilling

out of R:D for each Min^{r} of this Synod, they to be refunded by their congr^{s}. Clerks ffees

Longford was suplyed according to appointement of Last Gen^{ll} Synod. They are now in a way of setlem^{t}.

Mr Gray haveing at Last Gen^{ll} Synod Declared his resolution to to continue a member of the preby of Derry till this Synod, this case was now considered, and report was made that Mr Gray is not yett Installed in Usher's Key; it was then moved that the congr^{n} of Usher's Key may be annexed to the preby of Ardmagh, and after reasoning, the Vote was stated annex Usher's Key to Armagh preby or not, and the vote being put, it carried annex by a great Majority. Usher's Key. Anexed to Ardmagh Preby.

It was then Moved that the congr^{ns} of Caple Street and Plunkett Street may be annexed to Armagh Preby; the motion was reason^{d} upon for some time, and the Synod considering that these congr^{ns} are not apprized of this motion, and that, therefore, we cannot Determine that affair at this time; it was further moved that a Letter be written from this Synod to Mr Iredell and M^{r} McQuay to apprize them of this Motion, which Letter they are to communicate to their Sessions and congr^{ns} if they shall in prudence see fitt, and they are to make reporte to next Synod; after reasoning the vote was stated Approve this motion or not, and the vote being put, it carried approve; and Coll^{l} Upton and Mr Hutchison are to write the said Letters. Letters to Mr Iredell and M^{r} McQuay.

All committees to meet at 3, Interloq^{r} at 5, open Synod at 7 *A Meridië*, Concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis, June the 21st, *Hor̄a* 7ma after prayer, *Seder^{t}* Sessio: 5ta.

The affair of the fund was resumed, and the Clerk of the Committee of Funds reports, that there is £994 11s. 11d. due upon the fund, beside this, there are arrears due to some congr^{ns} of which that Committee hath got no particular acct.

Mr. Alexander Hamilton gave in his Dimission of his charge of the Congr^{n} of Gallway, which, with the reasons of it was read: in them he setts forth that that cong^{n} was intirely sunk; allso, a letter from the congr^{n} in Gallway was read: that letter setts forth the mallancholly circumstances of that place—particularly that they are not able to pay the rent of their meeting-house, and that they are not in a capacity to contribute any thing valueable for the support of a min^{r} among them, there not being above 8 or ten familys of our perswasion in that place. The Synod considering this afair, and finding it impracticable that Mr Hamilton should stay in Galway in these circumstances, the vote was stated, accept Mr Hamilton's Dimission or not, and the vote being put, it caried unanimously accept it. Ordered that the Prebys who owe Mr Hamilton arrears upon the fund pay him Imediately. Gallway. Mr Hamilton's Dimission accepted.

Mr Robert Thompson gave in his Dimission of his charge of the congr^{n} of Turbett, and the reasons of it, which were read; in them he setts forth that that congr^{n} promised him but £15 per ann, and that they now owe him Three years of said promisses, and that there is £40 due him of the fund promised him for his Suport in that place; allso, a Mr Robert Thompson Dimission Reffered

Letter from Mr Teat and Mr Sim was read; in that Letter they sett forth that unless the fund promised to Turbett be duely paid to that place it will intirely sink: after reasoning, it was moved and agreed to, that the proportion of the fund allowed to Turbett be placed on the Prebys of Longford and Augher, and that Mr Thompson's case be considered further in interloqr.

Mr Dunlop's Dimission Accepted.

Mr Samuel Dunlop gave in his Dimission of his charge of the Congrn of Athlone, and the reasons of it which were read: in them he setts forth that the Deficiency of the fund promised to him, amount to £339; as allso that his congrn is Diminished near one half by the death of some and the removeale of others from that place, so that is impracticable for him to subsist among them. Also a supplication from Athlone Congrn was read, which setts forth the sinking state of that place: the Synod considered this case, and after reasoning, the vote was stated, accept Mr Dunlop's Dimission or not, and the vote being put, it carried accept it, and the Synod resolves to do Mr Dunlop all the Justice they can as to the arrears of the fund due to him.

Comittees to meet at 8 tomorrow morning, Interloqr at 10, open Synod at 11: Concluded with prayer.

Die Veneris, June 22d, *Horâ* 11ma, *Ante Meridid, Sederunt.*

Sessio: 6ta

The Synod Entering upon the Consideration of the charitable Declaration, Two Overtures were brought in from the Comittee of Overtures, not as agreed upon by that Comittee, but to be considered by this Synod. These Overtures were considered and reason'd upon for a long time, and then reffered to next Sederunt Comittee to meet at 4, open Synod at six in the afternoone. Concluded with Prayer.

Die Veneris, June 22d, *Horâ* 6, *A meridie. Sedert.*

Sessio: 7ma.

Charitable Declaration.

The affair of the charitable Declareation was resumed, and the Two Overtures under consideration at last Sedert were both read, and the case reasoned at great length, and it was moved and agreed to, that a Select Comittee be chosen and apointed to frame an Overture upon this whole aflair, and bring said Overture to this Synod at next Sederunt.

Members of the select Comittee are Mr Drumand, Mr Masterton, Mr Aberneathy, Mr Hutchison, Mr Gilbert Kennedy, Capt. Henderson, Mr Bruce, Mr Gray, Mr William Royd, Mr Ball, Mr James Cobham, Mr Weld, Mr Boyse and Coll. Bryce. That Comittee is to——

[Here is a loss of 2 pp. of original MS. in Vol. III.]

[MEMORANDUM.]

Pages 9 and 10 having been lost out of Volume III. of these Records, prior to my having received the custody thereof, from the Reverend James Seaton Reid, then Clerk of the General Synod of Ulster, in the year 1831, I have since discovered the portion of the Resolution in Page 11, which was so lost, in a Book published "by

the Ministers of the Presbytery of Antrim, in the North of Ireland," in the year 1727, and printed at Belfast by one James Blow, entitled: "A Narrative of the proceedings of the Seven General Synods of the Northern Presbyterians in Ireland, with relation to their differences in Judgment and practice, from the year 1720 to the year 1726, in which they issued in a Synodical breach."

To the preface is affixed, the names of Samuel Haliday as Moderator, and Michael Bruce as clerk, wherein it is stated, that among other things, that to all these originals we appeal as our vouchers, and to the original Records of the Synods kept by their clerk, to prove that the copies we have published are Just and true copies. We took our copies from the minutes of Synods, which their clerks attested as true copies, and transmitted as such to the Presbyteries, all which we had in our hands before the Synodical Breach, except the minutes of the General Synod which made the Breach in 1726.

And in Page 66 of said Book, in detailing the proceedings of the General Synod at Londonderry, in June, 1722, the following are set forth as the five Resolutions which were voted and approved by the Synod:—

"The Synod seriously considering the vast importance and necessity of our continuing in that close union among ourselves, which has always been the happiness, Security and Glory of this Church, and the fearful mischiefs which would inevitably ensue upon a Rupture or Breach of Communion among us, in order to removing all grounds of Divisions and preserving peace, came to the following Resolutions."

First. "Considering that the Holy Scriptures are perverted by many Hereticks in the Visible Church, and pleaded in defence of their various errors: this Synod, therefore, Resolves that the declaring—

I certify that above Extract has been correctly copied from the Book above referred to, this 17th Dec., 1842, Two.

A. J. MACRORY,
Solicitor to the Synod of Ulster, and to the General Assembly of Presbyterians in Ireland,
48 Rutland Square, Dublin.

The above mentioned leaf, which is wanting in this Volume, was lost at the time when the Rev. John Thomson of Carnmoney compiled his "Abstract," which was printed in 1803—See pages 28, 29.

J. Seaton Reid,
Glasgow College, Nov., 1849.

Declareing Articles of Faith, only in Scripture words, and Expressions shall not be accepted as a sufficient evidence of a person's soundness in the faith by this Church; this resolution was read again, and after reasoning, the vote was stated, aprove this resolution or not, and the vote being put it carried approve, *nemine contradicente.*

2dly. This Synod resolves firmly and constantly to adhear to the Res: 2d. Westminster confession of faith, as being founded on the Word of God,

and agreeable thereto; this resolution was read again, and the vote was stated, aprove it or not, and the vote being put it carried approve, *nemine contradicente.*

Res: 3d.

3. That this Synod does, and will cleave to, and Maintaine the Presbiterian Government and Discipline, hitherto exercised among us according to our known Rules, agreeable to the H. Scriptures; the vote was stated, approve this resolution or not, and the vote being put it carried approve, *nemine contradicente.*

4. This Synod, though they adhear to the Subscribing the Westminster Confession of faith as a Test of Orthodoxy, yett they desire to exercise christian forbearance towards their bretheren now actually in the ministry in this Church with respect to their different Sentiments on this head, provided allways, that they govern themselves according to the Acts of Synods in this Church, and do not disturbe the peace thereof: this resolution was read again, and the vote was stated, approve or not, and the vote being put it carried approve by a great Majority. Mr Matthew Clerk and Mr John Stirling dissented from this Resolution, and desired that their Disseent might be Enterd into the records of this Synod.

Res: 5th.

5. Though this Synod will not impose upon the Consciences of such of our people as Scruple Submission to the ministry of our non-subscribing Bretheren, yet we Earnestly and seriously exhorte all of them to condescend, as far as their consciences will allow them, in adhearing to their pastors. This Resolution was Read again, and the vote was stated approve this resolution or not, and the vote being put, it carried aprove.

These Votes being past, Mr Kirkpatrick, in the name of his non-subscribing brethren, Expressed their Gratefull sense of the Indulgence of this Synod in these resolutions. He allso sett forth that they firmly resolve to conduct themselves peaceably in this Church.

Interloqur of Ministers to meet on Munday, at 10 of the clock, and open Synod at 4 *a meridie.* Concluded with prayer.

Sess: 9a.

Die Lun: June 25, *Horâ* 4ta, *A meridie.* After prayer, *Sederunt.*

Charity to JamesHenderson

The appointement Recomending James Henderson to the Sevll Congregations within the bounds of this Synod for their charitable assistance, was resumed, and Mr Hutcheson is to write to the severall prebys to acquainte them with the state of this case.

The affair of Belfast being resumed, it was moved that, whereas the Comrs from Belfast had mett and confferred with the Bretheren whome they had desired to converse with, and had proposed an Expedient for Issueing that affair that their paper on that head might now be read, and it was read accordingly; but their expedient beeing not agreed to, it was further moved that 6 ministers be chosen by either side to go and confferr with both parties and frame an Overture upon it, and make report to this Synod. This was agreed to; and the members chosen for this Comittee are Mr James Bruce, Mr William Boyd,

Mr Hutcheson, Mr Aberneathy, Mr Shannon, Mr Craighead, Mr Smith, Mr Masterton, Mr Lang, Mr Fraser, Mr Hemphill, and Mr Stirling.

A Suplication from Ballynure was presented by Andrw Laurimer, &c., Comrs, setting forth their earnest Desire to be Erected into a distinct congregacon. They sett forth that they will give undenyable Security for maintainance to a minister without dissableing neighbouring congregacons; appear'd allso from Ballyclare, Francis Taggart, Comr, suplicating that the people of Ballynure may be obliged to continue members of Ballyclare congregacon; allso an appeall from the sentence of the preby of Antrim in this case by those of Ballynure, and the reasons of it were read; and sevll papers relateing to this cause, both from Ballyclare and Ballynure, which had been laid before the preby. of Antrim, were read, and all parties were fully heard. The Preby of Antrim was likewise heard, and then all parties were removed. And the Synod came to consider the merits of the cause complexly, and resolved to wave the question *utrum bene an male appellatum;* and, after, reasoning, the vote was stated, Erect Ballynure now or not, and the vote being put, it carried Erect now by the majority of one voice. Mr. Michael Bruce protested agt the Execution of this sentance, and Mr Nivin joined in the protest. Ballynure Erected.

Adjourn'd to 10 tomorrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

Die Martis, June the 26*th*, *Horâ* 10*a* A*n. meridiem.* After prayer *Sedt.* Sess: 10a

The Comittee appointed to consider the afair of Belfast brought in their Overtures in these words :— Belfast affair.

1. That the new Erection remaine Limitted, according to the apointment of the Comittee at Dungannon, that is, that the Persons who did not subscribe to the new Erection within the time appointed by the Comittee shall be reputed Members of the other Two congregacons.

2. In case any Members of the other congrāons shall desire to Joine the new Erection, or any of the new Erection to Joine either of the other congraons, they shall take the usuall orderly methods Hitherto followed in this Church, and for their further direction in this case, we do recomend it to all that they have a great regard to this Synod's 5*th* Resolution in these words—Though this Synod will not Impose upon the consciences of such of our people as Scruple submission to the minstry of our non-subscribing brethren, yett we earnestly and most seriously exhorte all of them to condescend as far as their consciences will allow them, in adhearing to their pastors. After reasoning, the vote was stated approve these resolutions or not; and the vote being put, it carried approve unanimously, both parties being caled, and this intimated to them, they aquiesced, and the Comrs Dropt their appeal from the sentance of the Comittee at Dungannon upon this affair. Overture upon the new Erection approven

Mr Samll Smith, Comissioner from the new Erection at Belfast, moved that their peticon for their proporcon of the comon Stock belonging to the other Congrns, and of the cloaks, Palls, fflagons, and cups,

&c., may now be considered. This Synod recomend it to all the parties concerned to endeavour to come to an amicable agreement among themselves about these particulars, and if they find it necesary they may call in some neighbouring Min^{rs} and Gentlemen to assist them.

Synod's Fixt Comittee.

The Preby^{s} Returned the following members for the Synods ffixt Comittee; for Down, Mr Bruce, Mr Shannon, and Mr Trail, eldr; for Belfast, Mr James Stuart, Mr Harper, and Coll Brice, Elder; Antrim, Mr Thomas Shane, Mr Getty, and Coll Upton, Elder; Colrain, Mr John Cochran, Mr Thos Cobham, Mr Gawin Steel, Elder; Derry, Mr John Harvy, Senr, Mr Cunigham, Alderman Macky, Elder; Letterkeny, Mr Patrick Vance, Mr James Cochran, Saml Dunsmore, Elder; Strabane, Mr James Maxwell, Mr Victor Ferguson, Mr Jo^{n} Willson, Elder; Tyrone, Mr John Kennedy, Mr Nathan^{l} Cochrane, Capt Stivenson, Elder; Augher, Mr Josias Cornwall, Mr Magachin, and Robt Callen, Elder; Armagh, Mr Gilbert Kenedy, Mr James Johnston, and Mr James Johnston, Elder; Longford, Mr Teat, Mr Patton, and Mr John Faires, Elder; and the Moderator and Clerk of this Synod, 15 to be a quorum; Twelve whereof to be min^{rs}.

This Comittee to meet at Dungannon; they are to be called by the Moder^{r} upon Emergents, and if any member here named can't attend his preby is to appointe another; and if the Joint Comittee of South and North be oblidged to meet upon any Emerg^{t}, they are to be called by the Min^{rs} of Dublin, to meet at Newery.

Edenderry Loosed from this Synod.

A Supplication from Edenderry was read and managed by Mr Creghead, comissionated by that congr^{n}. They therein earnestly pray that the relacon of their min^{r} and congragacon to this Synod may be Loosed, and that the arrears of the fund due to them may be punctually paid. Mr Craighead, their Com^{r}, represents that the only reason why they demand such a Dismiss is the great Disapointment they have mett with in the fund Promised them for their support, and that they have a prospect to be annexed to the preby in Dublin, which they Hope will be a mean of supporting them. The Synod considered this case, and after reasoning, it was unanimously agreed to grant their Supplicaon; and as to the arrears of the fund, the Synod will endeavour to do Justice to Mr Anderson, as ffar as in their power.

Ballynure, &c.

It was suggested to this Synod by some members of the Preby of Antrim that the new Erection at Ballynure, carried by a vote in this Synod, does exceedingly Imbarras that Preb, therefore, they earnestly Desired that that vote might be resumed; this the Synod would not agree to, but appointed Mr James Bruce, Mr Hutcheson and Mr Kirkpatrick, and Mr Craighead to bring in an overture on that affair to next *Seder^{t}*

Carrickffergus.

A Supplication from Carrickfergus, earnestly praying for some assistance towards building their Meeting-house, was read; allso a suplicaon from Drogheada to the same purpose, was read. The Synod recomends it, considering these supplicaons, to all the congr^{ns} within the bounds of this Synod to contribute to their assistance.

Adjournd to 5 *A meredie.* Concluded wth Prayer.

Die Martis, June the 26th, Horâ 4ta A Merid. Sess: 11ma.

After prayer *Sedt.*

Our Reverend bretheren, Mr Weld, Mr Boyse, Mr Stuart, and Mr Choppin, Correspondents from the Reverend Presby in Dublin, attended the sevll Sessions of this Synod, and behaved themselves Discreetly, and were very usefull to us. It was moved that a Letter be Written by this Synod to the Reverend Preby in Dublin to this effect: After Reasoning, the vote was put whether we shall write said Letter or not, and it carried write. Mr Hutcheson, Mr Lang, and Mr Abernethy are to write said Letter, and bring in their draught of it to this Synod, to be read and approven.

The Revisers of the Records of the Synod of Bellfast and Armagh report that they revised the said book, and do approve it, and so doth this Synod.

The Overture upon the afair of Ballynure was brought in by the Comittee appointed for that purpose, and is in these words, whereas upon a more strict Enquiry into the circumstances of Ballyclare and Ballynure, Erected yesterday by an act of this Synod, it is alledged that neither of these two Congrns can subsist unless they be supported by the publick fund whereof no part can be dissposed that way without great prejudice to the Congrāons for the suport whereof it was designed, and whereas a great part of the newly erected Congrns belonged to Ballyeaston, and no due intimacon of this matter hath been given them; and, further, whereas it is suggested to us that veiw upon which this new Erection hath been carried on is a supposition that Ballyeaston would be Divided for the support of these two Congrns, whereof there no probabillity; and finnaly, whereas this Synod hath neither time nor oppertunity to inquire into the truth of these suggestions, therefore its Humbly overtured that this Synod appointe the preby of Antrim, with Corrspondents from Down, Rout, and Belfast to examine into the truth of these aligacons, and if they find them to be true, to suspend the Execution of the Act of this Synod till next Meeting of the Generall Synod, and to advertise all parties to attend then, that this matter may be considerd; and in case the Preby of Antrim, with Correspondents, find this alligacon to be false, then the Preby of Antrim is to take care that all arrears due to Mr Willson by these of his people that Joine to the said Erection and their proportion of the dessperate Debt Due to Mr Willson by the congragacon of Bellyclare, be paid before any Supplies be granted to the new Erection. After reasoning, the vote was sated approve this Overture or not, and the vote being put, it carried approve. Mr Choppin moved that the Clerk be allowed to give a Coppy of the minutes of this Synod to the Preby in Dublin. This was agreed to. Overture upon the new Erection approven.

This Synod, considering the case of Drum Congragacon, appoints the Clerk of each Presby to collect 18d per ann from each Minister for Mr Magachin's use for these Two years past, and so to continue annually. Drum.

The congragacon of Taughboine did supplicate that they may be

Taughboine. supplied by each preby within the bounds of the Synod of Derry. This Synod agrees that each preby within the bounds of the Synod of Derry shall send supplies to Taughboine upon applicacon to them from the preby of Derry.

Derry. Mr Jos Morrison, Mr Anderson, &c., Comrs from the congrāon of Derry, brought in their appeal from the sentance of the Synod of Derry. Many of the Members of this Synod being gon, the Synod did not think it propper to disscuss that appeall now, but agreed to reffer it to the next Genll Synod, and orderd that it be the first business that comes before next Genll Synod.

A referance from the Preby of Monnaghan of an affair depending before that Preby between the Congragāons of Monaghan and Clantuberate, a part of that congrāon was brought before this Synod. Clantuberat's Supplicacon for an Erection, and the reasons for it, were read. The reply of Monaghan and the rejoinder of Clantuberate, and the answer of Monaghan to that reply, were allso read, and all parties were heard; and after reasoning, it was moved that the question be putt determine this matter now or reffer it, and the question being putt, it carried Reffer. Then it was moved that the question be put whether we will refer it to the Synod of Ardmagh or to next Genll Synod, and the question being put, it carried refferr it to next Genll Synod.

The State of the fund as Left by the Synod is to be found after the Interloquitr Minuets. Concluded with prayer.

Interlr. Interloqr. *Sedert.* the Ministers of this Synod.

It was moved that, whereas Mr Hair did not get his share of the last year's additionall, R.D. being omitted in the List, that he be refunded out of the first ordinary R.D. that comes to the Treasurer. Agreed to.

Mr Hair.

Mr Boyse Read two Letters from our friends abroad about our affairs. It was moved, and agreed to, that Coll. Upton, Capt. Henderson, and Mr Weld write to My Lord Barrinton, Mr Wallpole, and Mr Hamilton, and bring their draught to this Interloqr. Said Letter to be subscribed by the moderater of this Synod.

Letters.

It was Moved, and agreed to, that a Comittee be appointed to inspect the Treasurer's accts, and Mr Lang, Mr Ried, Mr Michael Bruce, Mr Henderson, Mr Higinootham, Mr Ross, Mr Humphry Thompson, and Mr Crook, Mr Victor Ferguson, Mr Drumand, are to revise his accts, and make report. These Bretheren being returned, make report that his accts are very exact.

Then the vote was stated continue Mr Hutchison Treasurer or not, and it was carried Continue: then it was moved and agreed to that, when the Genll Synod's Comittee meets, they shall enter into Articles of agreement with the Treasurer, and take security for performing said Articles.

Treasurer continued.

Order'd that, If there be any additionall R. D. due to Mr John Magahin and Mr Rutherford, they shall be paid out of the first additionall R. D.; and withall, Mr Kirkpatrick, for further Light in

Mr Magahin and Mr Rutherford.

this matter, is to inspect the account of our late Treasurer, and send Acct to the Clerk, how far these two bretheren recd ordinary R. D., after their relacon to this Synod was Loosed, that we may know how to adjust this matter fairly.

It was moved and agreed to that Mr Robert Thompson have a double proportion of ordinary R. D. for one year, and in case his fund be well paid he will not insist any further on that grant; this is further to be considered next Synod. Mr Robt Thompson.

It was moved and agreed to that Breaky have a Double proporcon of ordinary R. D.; agreed that Mr Iredel have a double proportion of ordinary R. D. for one year, for his services to this Church in procureing acquittances for R. D. Breaky. Mr Iredel.

It was moved that this Interloqr may consider whether Mr Glascow be intitled to any part of R. D., additionall or ordinary, in regard he never had charge of any congracon, the vote was stated allow Mr Glascow any share of the R. D. or not; it carried Not. Mr Glascow

The Committee appointed to write the Letters to England brought in their Draught of said Letters; they were read and approven.

Interloqr the select Committee appointed by the Comitt. of Overtures to Draw up an Address to his Majesty, King George, brought in a Draught of said address, which, after severall amendments, was agreed to in these words:—

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The Humble Address of the Presbyterian Ministers and Gentlemen in the North of Ireland, in behalfe of themselves and the rest of their Persuasion:—

We, your Majestie's most Dutifull and Loyall Subjects, beg Leave, with all humility, to repeat our most Thankfull acknowledgements of the many blessings we have enjoyed under your Majesty's auspitious Government since your happy accession to the Imperiall Throne of these Kingdoms.

With ye Greatest abhorrance we received the account that severall of your Māties subjects, forgetting their alleigiance to your Majesty, as well as the naturall love they owe to their country, had in concert with Traitors abroad, entered into a most wicked conspireacy to raise a Rebellion in your Majestie's Kingdoms in favour of a Popish Pretender.

When we call to mind the signall and seasonable Interposition of Divine Providence in placeing your Majestie upon the Throne, and continueing to preserve and Establish you thereon; by Discovering and Defeating all the wicked Devices and repeated attempts of your restless Enemies. Wee cannot but ascribe these traiterous Practices to the Height of Infatuācon and the basest ingratitude to the best of Kings.

The Sacred bonds of Religion and Loyaltie do make it the unquestionable Intrest and Duty of all your true Protestant subjects to exert their uttmost power for secureing the many valuable Priviledges they enjoy under your Majestie's Just and mild administeracon, for

preserving the Succession in your Royall family, which none can have more at heart than we who do with all sincerity and perfect unanimity assure your Majesty that, in our severall stations, we shall be ever ready to venture our all in your Majestie's service, notwithstanding the Discouragements and Incapacities under which some of us Ly, and by wch we are Disstinguished from your other Protestant subjects.

That Almighty God may allways continue to guard your Majestie's Sacred person and royall Issue, the Protestant religion and our Civill Liberties against all the Perniceous attempts of such as would subject a free Protestant people to Tyrañy and Idolatry.

That He may Long preserve your Majesty to rule over these nations, Continue you a powerfull Guardian to the Prottestant Intrest at home and abroad, and a happy Instrument of suppressing growing Irreligion and vice, and that, when you have finished your Reign on Earth, you may for ever Possess a heavenly Kingdom ; and that your August family may sway the Scepter of these realms to the Latest Posterity is the prayer of

May it please your Majesty, your Matīes most faithfull and most Obedient Subjects.

This Interloq^r^ agrees that Mr James Fleming, Mr Gilbert Kennedy, Mr James Bruce, Mr Biggar, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Fraser, Mr Aberneathy, Mr Livingston, Coll. Upton, and Coll. Brice shall meet at Belfast on the second Wednesday of July, and Draw a representation of our Grivances in the Prosecution of our People on account of their being married by our minisrs and other Particulars, and to Draw a petiсon thereon to the Goverment; and this Interloq^r^ recomends it to the sev^ll^ presbitarys to use their uttmost endeavour to procure some assistance in the speediest manner from each congragaсon, for one James Fulton, who was in Prison on a Public acc^t^, and is to be tryed at Law. Every Presby is to have a Coll^n^ for said money, and to Transmitt said money when collected to Coll. Upton or M^r^ M^c^Cracken, and they are to give an acct. how said money is Expended.

THE APPLOTMENT OF THE FUND.

	£	s	d	
Belfast Preby is to pay	38 :	0 :	0	Thus to Kirkdonald, £4; Moyra, £5; Drogheda, £20; Dundalk, £8 : 10 : 0
Down	30 :	0 :	0	To Gallway, £11 : 4 : 0; Drogheda, £8; to Dundalk, £10 : 16 : 0
Antrim	31 :	5 :	0	To Gallway, £6 : 13 : 0; Drogheda, £3 : 15; Edendery, £9; Dunean, £5; Moywater, £2 ; Dundalk, £4 : 17.
Armagh	32 :	5 :	0	To Vinicash, £9; Lurgan, £15; Dundalk, £6; Drogheda, £2 : 5.
Longford	10 :	10 :	0	To Turbett. £10 : 10.
Augher	18 :	0 :	0	To Turbett, £9 : 10; Castleblaney, £8 : 10.

Tyrowen	18 : 0 : 0	To Loughgall, £12; to Edendery, £3 : 10; to Castleblaney, £2 : 10.
Strabane	14 : 10 : 0	To Stranorlan, £6; to Badony, £7 : 10; Clandevadoge, £1.
Colraine	21 : 0 : 0	To Sligo, £7 : 10; to Athlone, £9 : 10; to Golan, £4.
Letterkeny	11 : 10 : 0	To Sligo, £9 : 10; to Moywatter, £1 : 10; Dumfanaghy, 10s.
Derry	25 : 0 : 0	To Sligo, £3; to Clandevadoge, £4; Dumfanaghy, £6; Movill, £10; Moywater, £2.
Lisburn	4 : 0 : 0	To Drogheda, £1; Dunfanaghy, £1; Gallway, £2.
Totall	£244 : 0 : 0	

The Comm. of funds agreed that the £10 : 16, payable to Dundalk by the Preby of Down, shall be paid by the following congrns in that Preby, vizt:—Portferry, £2 : 12 : 0; Newton, £2 : 12; Down, £2 : 12; Drumca, £1 : 10; Kilinchy, £1 : 10.—

And the £4 : 17, payable to Dundalk by Antrim preby is to be pd by Templepatrick, £2 : 12; Ballymenach, 2 : 5—

And the £8 : 10, payable by Belfast preby to Dundalk is to be paid thus:—by Belfast, £4; Hollywood, £2; Drumbo, £2 : 10—

And the £3 : 10, payable by Armagh preby is to be paid by Ballyrony, £1; Donoghmor, 10s; Banbridge, £1—

The £20, due to Sligo is to be paid thus: by Colrain preby, £7 : 10, vizt:—by Clogh, £2; Ballymony, £2; Bushmills, £1; Dumbo, £1 : 10; Ballywilly, £1—

And the £3, due to Sligo by Derry preby is to be paid by Ballykelly, £1 : 10; Glendermont, £1 : 10—

WILL. MACKAY, C.S.G.

A GENERAL SYNOD

AT DUNGANNON,

June the 18*th*, 1723.

Mr Thomas Kennedy, Moderator of the former Synod, opned this Synod by Preaching on Ps. 133.1, and after constution by prayer, Sederunt, the Minrs and ruleing Elders:— Constitution

	Minrs	Elders.
Colraine	Cha. Masterton, Mod. Mat. Clerk	Thos Reid Archd. Stirling

	Min^{rs}	Elders.
	Robt. Haltridge	Wm Stirling
		Gill. Akin
	Hen. Neill	Ja^{s} Wear
	William Boyd	Moses Dunlap
	Rob. Higinbothom	Mr David Millar
	Jon. Porter	Mr Gawin Steel
		Math. Longvill
	Jon Cochran	Fran. Ross
	Thos Cobham	John Elder
	Ja^{s} Thomson	Robt. Cochran
	Robt. Knox	Mr John Orr
Augher	Robt. Colthert	Wm Stephenson
	Bapt. Boid	Thos Harvy
	Humphry Thomson	Alex. Willson
	Josias Cornwall	John Armstrong
	Alex. Fleming	Mich^{l} Clerk
	Wm Hair	Mr Thos Mercer
	Pat. Plunkett	John Stewart
	Thos M'Claine	Fran. Scot
	Sam. Irwine	
	Sam. Hemphill	Robt. McAllen
	John Carlisle	Mr Greason
	Nath. Glasgow	Jo^{s} Knox
Down	Ja^{s} Bruce	Nath. Taylor
	Jon. Goudie	W^{m} McKee
	Wm Biggar	John Cox
	Ja^{s} M'Alpine	Jam. Logan
	Wm Smith	Rob. Gordon
	Jam. Reid	W^{m} McQuoid
	Arch^{d} Dixson	Mr Byare
	Thos Nivin	Dan. Neill
	Fran. Mongomry	Mr John Hathorn
	Nath. Orr	
	John Mairs	
	Hugh Williamson	
Tyrone	Hen. Crooks	Geo. M'Conchy
	Thos Kennedy	Robt. M'Cullagh
	Jon. M'Cleave	Adam Dunlap
	Thos Muligan	Ja^{s} M'Creight
	David Tomb	David Bleakly
	Hugh Wallace	
	John Kenedy	Mr Will Agnew
	Alex. Moor	John Jerdan
	Nath. Cochran	Mr Will Rea
	Ja^{s} Dykes	Mr John Rainy
	Rob. Stewart	John Hanna
	Ja^{s} Orr	Robt Brady
Letterkeny	Sam Henery	
	Sam Dunlap	Alex^{r} Billsland

	Cha. Lind	Thos Ward
	Robt Willson	Capt Henderson
	Fran. Laird	Mr John Henderson
	David Fairly	
	Jo^{s} Cochran	
	Jo^{n} Homes	
		Rob M'Kintire
Derry prēby	And Ferguson	Mr Will Band
	Will Cornwall	Mr Hugh Thomson
	John Harvy	Wm English
	Thos Winsley	Mr Jo^{s} Morrison
	Jo^{n} Stirling	Jam Colhoone
	Hance Stewart	Mr Will White
	Thos Harvy	Will Martin
	James Wallace	Mr Rob Wilson
	Sam Ross	Mr Sam Smith
	John Harvy, Junr	
	Wm Cunigham	Thos Boel
Belfast prēby	And. Crawford	Mr Sturgeon
	Ja^{s} Kirkpatrick	Geo. Beaty
	Jon. Riddell	John Linsey
	Rob. Sinclar	Jon. M'Clure
	Saml Hallyday	Ja^{s} Adams
	Cha. Seaton	
	Jo^{s} Stewart	Alex. Willson
	Rob. Wirling	
	Mich. Bruce	Jon. M'Connell
	Sam. Harper	
	M^{r} McQuay	
	Pat. Bruce	
	Ja^{s} Fraser	
Armagh	Jon. Hutcheson	Ja^{s} Johnston
	Wm Gray	Mr Begnall
	Geo. Lang	Thos Machlin
	Gilb. Kennedy	Will Maxwell
	Ja^{s} Fleming	David Scot
	Ja^{s} Johnston	Richd Ferguson
	Ja^{s} Moor	Jon. Stewart
	Rob. Gordon	Rob. Fraser
	Hugh Henery	Capt. McNeal
	Pat. Simson	Robt. Campbell
	Jo^{n} Campbell	Alex. Whitly
	Arch^{d} M'Claine, Junr	Sam Herron
	John Menoch	Mongo Oughltree
Strabane	Ja^{s} Maxwell	Jas. M'Clelland
	Alex. M'Craken	
	Neh. Donaldson	
	Thos Willson	
	John Henderson	

	Isaac Taylor	John Webster
	Jo^{s} Hemphill	Thos Sprowl
Longford	Jam. Tate	Hugh Herbertson
	Sam. Dunlop	W^{m} M'Creight
	Rob. Thomson	Coll. Upton
	David Sim	John Archiball
	Alex. Hamilton	Joseph Hill
	And. Dean	Jo^{s} M'Cullagh
	Wm Patton	
	Ja^{s} Bond	
Antrim		Jo^{s} Brown
	Wm Leech	Ja^{s} Herbertson
	Alex. Brown	Mr Jon. Shaw
	John Aberneathy	
	Wm Livingston	John Millar
	Jo^{s} Creighton	(92)
	Thos Shaw	
	Thos Willson	
	John Henderson	
	Sam Getty	
	Ja^{s} White	
	Alex. M'Crackan	
	(116)	

Moderator.

The Former Moderator desireing that a new Moderator may be chosen, proposed a Leet of the Following b^{rn}, vizt:—Mr Masterton, Mr Goudie, Mr John Harvy, Senior, Mr Robt. Halltridge, Mr Crooks, Mr Sam. Henery, Mr Josias Cornwall, Mr Clerk, Mr James Fleming, Mr Hutcheson, Mr Tait, Mr Leech, one of whom may be chosen Moderator to this Synod, and these Bretheren being removed, the vote was put, and Mr Masterton was chosen Moderator by plurality of voices, and this Synod unanimously agree to continue Mr Mackay Clerk.—

Clerk.

For the more orderly mannageing the affairs to be Layd before the Synod, the several prebys are to return the names of their severall members for the Comittee (viz.)—for Overtures, for Bills, for reviseing of the books of the several Subsynods, and for the fund to next Sederunt.

Prayer.

It was moved and agreed to, that all the members of this Synod meet here for prayer at 7 tomorrow morning, and to continue in prayer Till 10. Interloq^{r} meet at 10, and open Synod at Eleven. Concluded wth Prayer.

The Time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly. Interloq^{r} of the whole house being met at 10 of the clock, It was moved that this Interloq^{r} may consider the distressed condition of many of our people, who are prosecuted in the Ecclesiasticall Courts for their Nonconformity, this was referred to the Comittee of Overtures.

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Die Merourii, 11 *ante merid: post preces, Sederunt qui supra.*

The severall prebys returnd the names of their members for the Comittee as Follows :—

Overtures.	Bills.	Books.	Funds.
Mrs	Mrs	Mrs	Mrs
Mathew Clerk	Hen. Neil	Fran. Ross	Thos Cobham
Robt. Haltridge	Jon. Porter	Jon. Elder	Rob. Knox
RobHiginbothom	Jon. Cochran	Josias Cornwall	Bapt. Boyd
Humph.Thomson	Robt. Coltheart	Pat. Plunkett	Thos M'Caine
Alex. Fleming	Wm Hair	Nath. Glasgow	Wm Smith
Sam Hemphill	Sam. Irwin	HughWilliamson	Archd Dixson
Jas Bruce	Jon. Goudie	John Mairs	Thos Muligan
Jas M'Alpine	Wm Biggar	Fran Mongomry	John Kennedy
Jas Reed	Nath. Orr	Nath. Cochran	Jas Dykes
Hen. Crooks	David Tomb	Rob. Stewart	Sam. Henery
Thos Kennedy	Hugh Wallace	Jas. Orr	Cha. Lynd
John M'Cleave	Alex. Moore	David Fairly	John Harvy,Junr
Sam. Dunlop	Robt. Willson	Jas. Cochran	Wm Cunigham
Fran. Laird	Wm Holmes	Hans Stewart	Pat. Bruce
John Harvy,Senr	John Stirling	Rob. Wirling	Archd M'Clain, Junr
Thos Winsley	Thos Harvy	John Riddle	Pat. Simson
Sam. Ross	Wm Cornwall	Jas Stewart	Hugh Henery
Jas Kirkpatrick	Mich. Bruce	And. Crawford	Isaac Taylor
Sam Hallyday	Rob. Sinclair	Jos Johnston	Wm Patton
Cha. Seaton	Jas Fraser	John Campbell	Jas Bond
Jon. Hutcheson	Archd M'Claine, Sen.	John Menagh	Alex. Brown
Wm Gray	Jas Fleming	Jos Hemphill	And their Elders
Geo. Lang	Jas Moore	Rob. Thomson	
Gilb. Kennedy	Rob. Gordon	Sam. Getty	
Wm Mackay	Alex. M'Crackan	Jos Creghton	
Neh. Donaldson	And. Dean	Jas White	
David Sim	Alex. Hamilton	And their Elders	
Jos Tait	John Henderson		
Wm Leech	Thos Willson		
John Aberneathy	And their Elders		
Wm Livingston			
And their Elders			

The Following Bretheren were absent from last Synod, viz.—Mr Irwin, Mr Montgomry, Mr Nathaniel Orr, Mr Tomb, Mr John Campbel, Mr Archd M'Claine, Junior, Mr Teat, Mr Dean, Mr Simm, Mr Robt. Sinclair, the reasons of their absence were severaly heard and sustained, and They excused. Excused.

The following brn. (vizt), Mr Robert McBride, Mr Henery Hamilton, Mr Shannon, Mr Thos Elder, Mr Jas Wallace, Mr Andrew Ferguson, Mr Major Murray, Mr Malcome, Mr Iredel, Mr Maquay, Mr Jas Cobham, Mr Cha. Wallace, Mr Cherry, Mr John Willson, Mr Rainy, Mr Hallyday, Senr, Mr Taylor, Senr, Mr Taylor, Junr, and Mr Clugston are absent, and are all excused for reasons now offered to this Synod. Mr Seth Drumand, Mr Vance, Mr Ninian Cochran, Mr Strawbridge, Mr William Holmes, Mr Ball, Mr Ferguson are absent, and no excuse from any of them. Not Excused

Augher preby report, that Mr Saml Magachin. Died October the 12th, 1722. Dead

The preby of Colraine report, they have ordained Mr Francis Ross and Mr John Elder, May the 7th, 1723, and have entered, Mr John Orr, on 2d Tryals.

Ordained.

Down preby have ordained Mr Hugh Williamson, July the 31st, 1722, and have Entered Mr John Orr, on 2d Tryalls.

Licenced and

Tyrone preby have Licenced Mr William Rea.

Letterkeny preby report, that Mr Robt. Cambell, died October the 5th, 1722, and that they have Mr William Henery, on First Tryalls.

Derry preby have Licenced Mr Andrew Ferguson, Mr John Thomson and Mr Hugh Thompson.

Belfast preby have Installed Mr Masterton in the Third Congragāon in Belfast, and have Licenced Mr Thos Crawford.

Entered on Tryalls.

Armagh preby have ordained Mr Menagh, August the 14th, 1722, and have entered Mr George Cherry on First Tryalls.

Longford preby have ordained Mr James Bond, February 20th, 1722/3.

Antrim prby have Licenced Mr Robt. McMaster, and have entered Mr Tim. White on 2d Tryals.

Mr McCraken.

Ordered—That each preby take due care of the contribution allowed to Mr M'Craken and Mr Willson, and to get it paid by those that have not contributed, and to return an account of their payment to the Synod.

This Synod came to consider the time and place of next meeting, a leet of these places was proposed, vizt:—Derry, Dungannon, Armagh, Belfast, and the vote being put, it carried that the next meeting of this Synod shall be at Dungannon, the Third Tuesday of June next. Sermon to begin at 4 of the Clock afternoon, Adjournd to 6 *a merid:* Concluded with prayer.

Die Mercurii, hora 6 *a merid. post preces, Sederunt qui supra.*

Derry appeal refferred.

From Londonderry appeard Mr Jos Morrison, Commissionated to prosecute an Appeal from the sentance of the Synod of Derry, in an affair depending between the congrāon of Derry and the congrāon of Muff, and from Muff appeard Wm Reed, &c., Comrs, and from the Townlands of Bellyamill, Ballymagard and Cullmore appeared William English, Comr, supplicating that this Synod may confirm the sentance of the Synod of Derry; the appeal of Derry congrāon from said sentance was read, as allso the reasons of said appeal, but the Synod of Derry not haveing the papers relating to that affair here, parties were not willing to come to a hearing of that cause. It was therefore moved and agreed to, that this be refferred to the next General Synod.

Charity to Mrs Boyd.

It was recomended to each prēby to enquire who have paid the contributions to Mrs Boyd, and to Take care that all who have not paid may contribute to her reliefe, and to Transmitt what is collected to Mr Porter for her use.

It was overtured that Armagh preby Disscourse with Mr Gray about the time of Installing him in Usher's Key, and make report to next Sederunt. Adjourned to 9 morning. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio: 4th.

Die Jovis Horâ, 9 *ante merid: post preces, Sederunt, qui supra.*

The preby of Armagh report they have conversed with Mr Gray,

and that there are some difficulties in that case at present, which they hope in some time may be removed; but if the General Synod think ffitt to appointe the time when he shall be Installed, they are ready for their part to do their duty. This was refferred.

The supplys appointed by last General Synod for the 3d Congraon in Belfast were performed, and that place is now planted.

Appeared, from the 3d Congrāon in Belfast, Sam. Smith and John Young, Comrs, they presented a supplicacōn, complaining of sundry grivances, perticularly that the other Two Sessions in Belfast refused to give Dissmisses to some persons who think they have a right to Joine with the said 3 Congrāon, according to the Acts of this Synod; 2dly, that the said sessions, tho they have applyed to them once and again for their proporcōn of the cōmon Stock, and the benefitt of the Cloaks and and palls and utensills; yett they have given them no answer; 3dly, that they have been branded with the odious names of Schismaticks by their neighbours, and that these invectives have been printed by their means in Scotland, to their great Dissadvantage. The 3d Congraon in Belfast.

Allso—A Supplicacōn from 5 persons in Mr Kirkpatrick's Congragacon was read; they complain that, tho' they have applyed to Mr Kirkpatrick and his Session, yett they have delayed to give them dissmisses; the names of the above Suplts are Robt. Hay, Andrew Love, Adam Boyd, John Donaldson, Thos Millright: Mr Kirkpatrick made replys to the several perticulars complained off, as above, and endeavour'd to prove that none of them lay Imediately before the Synod, and further alleadged, that some of the perticulars complained of are not fact: parties were heard and removed, and after reasoning, it was moved, that the question be put whether this matter about the Dissmisses and the supplicacon of the 5 persons comes regularly before this Synod or not, and the question being put it carried not. Supplication and complaint.

Adjournd to 5 afternoon: concluded wth prayer.

Die Jovis horâ, 5 a merid: post preces, Sederunt, qui Supra. Sessio: 5ta

Mr John Stirling and Mr Clerk gave in the reasons of their dissent from the 4th pacific resolution of last General Synod, they were read, they were subscribed by Mr Stirling and Mr Clerk and Mr Henery Neil, and are in these words:—

The reasons of Mr Stirling's Dissent from the 4th pacific resolution condescended upon by the Generall Synod which mett at Londonderry, June the 19th, 1722:—

Its matter of griefe and the Deepest concern to me that I found myselfe under a necessity Last Synod which met at Londonderry to Dissent from the 4th resolution which the Synod came into which is in these words (viz), Tho' they adhere to subscribing the Westminster Confession of faith as a test of Orthodoxy, yett they desire to exercise Christian forbearance towards their brn. now actualy in the miñry in this Church with respect to their differrent sentiments on this head, provided allways that they govern themselves according to Acts of Synod in this Church, and do not Disturb the peace thereof: the reasons of my Dissent from this Resolution are as follows:— The reasons of Mr Stirlings Dissent.

Reason 1st—The 5 resolutions framed by the Comittee to end our melancholy Debates, and to heal our unhappy Divisions so far as Reas 1st

I apprehend were brought in as heads of agreement for these brñ. who are against subscribeing the west. Confession of Faith have acted in direct opposition to the Synod since the year 1720. The 1st Resolution wherein the Synod resolves that the declareing Articles of faith only in Scripture words and expressions shall not be accepted as a sufficient evidence of a person's soundness in the faith so far as I remember was not agreed to by any of these brethern who differs from the Synod; they reasoned against it. The 2d and 3d resolution wherein the Synod declares its firm and constant adhereance to the Westminster Confession of faith as being founded on the word of God, and agreeable thereto, and to mañtain the Presbyterian government and discipline hitherto exercised amongst us according to our known rules agreeable to the Holy Scriptures were only voted and agreed to by the reverend Mr Thos Shaw, and by non of the rest so far as I could observe: the reverend Mr Kirkpatrick told the Synod before they came to the vote that the Synod need not expect they would vote in any of these resolutions, all agreements are mutuall, other ways they are no agreements. If the Synod comes in to the 4th resolution to entertain them as members of this Synod, Its but reasonable they should have agreed to the first Three or at least to the 2d and 3d resolution, and seeing they did not, I cannot help thinking that the Synod is imposed upon. I judge it highly unreasonable to own these as members of this Synod, who will not so much as in vote own the Doctrine and government of this Church which is undeniable evidence that they agree to neither. I think it rather a sinfull than a Christian forberance to Indulge such. Its known to this Synod that none are ordained miñrs. of this Church, but such who in the most solemn publick manner owns our confession of Faith, and profess their adhereance to the worship government and Discipline of this Church. It hath been our practice ever since I remember, and I do believe it hath been the practice of our fathers all allong, and there is the same reason to entertain none as minrs in this Synod who do refuse after their ordination to own our Doctrine and government when the Synod thinks fitt to call them to it: This is so far from being an inquisition or a piece of uncharitable Tyrany, that a godly minr rather looks upon it as a priviledge to have an oppertunity to give satisfacon to all yt Desire it with meekness and fear, especialy when there's grounds of suspicon that they are alltered.

Reas. 2nd

Reason 2d.—These Gentlemen are alltered in their Judgements from what once they were. I have heard some of them in open Synod declare so; their practice is an evidence of it, unless the Synod be satisfied what their principles are, we act in the dark, and entertains those as Minrs in this Synod whose principles we know not. I see not how we can be accountable to Christ for an indulgence of this nature, whatever charity we may entertain for them as men haveing the grace of God, as I hope they have, and we ought to entertain the same Charity for many others who Differs from us, yet I cannot think I am obliged in charity to believe they are presbyterians, and for presbyterian Church government, and tho' I could be satisfied to entertain Comunion with them in those things wherein we agree, how can we Joyn in communion in those things wherein we differ. Neither can I

conceive what should make them so verry fond to be entertained members of a Society that invades the Legislative power of Christ, wrests the scepter out of his hand, imposes on the consciences of men, prescribes new Terms of communion which Christ never appointed, unless it be with a design under this cover to spread their Leaven more effectualy and utterly to destroy our government and Discipline and break down all fences, and to deny Communion to none but those who errs in fundamentals.

Reas. 3rd

REASON 3D.—The Authority of our Judicatories seems to be very much called in question by them if not Disown'd. It was lookt upon as very great crime in Mr Darragh, when he renounced the Jurisdiction of the Synod, he was imediately deposed and excomunicated. I think it most unreasonable to entertain those as Members of our Judicatories who will not promise subjection to their Bretheren in the Lord, but with such cautions and Limitaõns as overturns it. I have been under apprehensions since 1720 that there is designs to bring us upon the same foot with those who does allow no power in church Judicatories, but that which is consultative if they be of independant principles as to Church Goverment Lett them enjoy their congracons and the blessing of God with them; but why should they embroyl us and impose upon us, and be at so much pains to destroy our Constitution, which hitherto has been our Beauty and strength, which we think ourselves in conscience oblidged to retaine, tho' we may be reproached as bigots as weak and hot men. Further, these brñ rather act like a faction in the Synod, then a part of it I am sorry I'me oblidged to say so, and while they act from principles different from the Synod we can expect but Little peace. The Synod's resolutions are but skining of old sores, while the cause of the Disease does remain. Is it to be supposed that those who are not of presbyterian principles will conduct themselves by the rules of this Synod? Is it reasonable yt they shou'd vote, judge and determine, in these things which does relate to their Bretheren, while they will not be determined in any thing further than they please.

Reas. 4th.

REASON 4TH—I cannot help believeing that their refuseing to subscribe the West. Conf. of faith does arise from a dissatisfaõn with the doctrines therein contained, for tho' they say they own the Important essential art I know not what articles they judge to be such; they have been pleased to declare themselves with respect to the Deity of the Son of God, why may they not declare themselves with respect to all as well as that. It would be a satisfaõn to many if they would declare themselves as to that of original Sin.

Reas 5th.

REASON 5TH—I humbly conceive the Two last resolutions overturns the three first, which I judge is very much oweing to the hurrie the Synod past them, and the earnest desires many of the brethn had for peace, tho' they are like to produce as Little as the charitable declaraõn did, resolutions of such importance should not have been past in so great heast, they have been transmitted to many parts of Europe and America, and will stand upon record to posterity. I wish the Synod had slept one night on them. The 1st Resolution says that the declareing Arts. of faith only in Scripture words and expressions

shall not be accepted as a sufficient evidence of a persons soundness in the faith by this Church. The Synod declares in the 4th resolution, that its their mind to bear with those Bretheren, who refuse to subscribe the W. Conf. of faith, who are for no other Test but the Scriptures, so that according to these two resolutions, the first and the 4th, the Synod is forbearing with those who gives no sufficient Test of their Orthodoxy, whose principles they know not. Of what fattall consequence this may be to the Church of Christ God knows, whatever regard wee may have for the persons of men and charity, for them we ought to have more for the Interest of religion. To lay aside all tests but Scripture expressions, is to open a door to introduce all error into the Church. The Synod has declared that this is not sufficient evidence, why, then, will you bear with them that will give no other evidence? The last resolution overturns the 3rd, wherein the Synod Declares its adhearance to Presbyterian Church Government, &c.: in the 5th and last resolution the Synod says, tho' they will not impose on the consciences of such of our people as scruple subjection to the minry of our own non-subscribing Brethren, yet we earnestly and seriously exhort all of them to condescend as far as their conscience will allow them in adhereing to their pastors; here the Synod supposes yt non-subscription is not a sufficient cause for people to seperate from yr minrs, otherwise the Synod would not exōrte people earnestly and seriously to adhere to them as far as conscience will allow. Those who scruple you allow them a liberty to seperate. I do not think this agreeable to presbyterian Government to people to seperate from their minrs when they have no reason for it: you say that non-subscription is no reason for you entertain such as members of the General Synod, exōrte people to submit to their minry certainly, according to this if the people leaves their minrs upon the account of non-subscription which you allow if they have any scruple; they do not act a reasonable part it must be Humur according to this, all the congragacons in the Kingdome may be overturnd if people be thus left to their will and libertie, you must allow the same libertie to those who scruples to have them who has subscribed, and so overturn all order which is not according to presbyterian Government as exercised amongst us. I wish this Resolution had not been condesended upon, for tho' it may seem to bear hard upon the non-subscribers at present, Its hard to know how far it may be improven hereafter, and if the Synod thinks fitt to entertain them as members I think their congraōns should be supported. Further, this resolution seems much to favour the Doctrine of personal perswasion in its greatest extravagancy.

Reason 6th.

Reason 6th—Then the great harm that's don to religion by these unaturall heats, divisions and animosities that are amongst us, which in my opinion is very much oweing to the carriage of these brn who differs from the Synod, there ought to be a mark put upon those who cause Divisions (Rom. 16 chap. 17). "Now, I beseech you, brethren, mark them which case Divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which we have learned, and avoid them, for they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple." It seems to be a judgement from God upon us which ought to be humbleing

to us, by these we are exposed and rendered contemptible, Ps. 80: 6, "Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours, our enemies laugh among themselves." The life of religion and the power of godliness is much abated, and the suõess of the Gospill hereby much obstructed: the grossest imoralities that have fallen out among us has not don the harm to religion that this hath done, and tho peace and charity is what all seem to be desirous of, yet I cannot see how these good things shall be attained while we continue in this state of dissorder and confusion, and if these Breth^rn retain their principles and vent their notions as they have don, I disspair of seeing much peace or charity amongst us.

JON. STIRLING.
MATHEW CLERK.
HENERY NEIL.

It was moved that the several prebys return the names of their several members for the General Synod's fixt Comittee; the arrears due to Edenderry are reffered to the Comittee of funds, they are to make report to the Synod.

Mr Frazer reports that many congregacons have not contributed to the building of Carrickfergus Meeting-house, the Synod recomends it to all who have not contributed to that use speedily to collect for it, and to transmitt it to Mr Frazer. Carrickfergus and

Mr Henery reports that they in Drogheda have got very little assistance towards the building of Drogheda Meeting-house; this was reffered to Interloq^r. Drogheda.

The preby of Antrim report they called correspondents to assist them in the managing the cause of Bellyclare and Bellynure comitted to them by Last General Synod: the resolution of the preby of Antrim with correspondents upon this affair were read; by them it appears that the preby of Antrim have judged they saw cause to suspend the execution of the sentence of Last General Synod, erecting Belynure according to the allowance given them by Last General Synod in that case. Bellyclare and Bellynure.

From Bellynure appeared Andrew Lorrimer, &c., com^rs, their supplicacon was read, they therein sett forth their earnest desire to be errected into a distinct congregacon, and promise to give sufficient security for £30 per annum for maintaining a min^r: they further plead they have scruples of conscience against submitting to the minry of a non-subscribing min^r. From Bellyclare appeared John Woodside, Saml Wallace, &c., com^rs; their supplicacon was read; they earnestly pray that Bellynure may be continued a part of Belyclare congregacon; all partys were heard, and these com^rs being removed It was moved that the preby of Antrim ought to be removed, they being partys in this cause and after reasoning the question was put, are the preby of Antrim partys in this cause or not, and it carried that the preby of Antrim are parties. Then the com^rs from both parties were called, and the preby of Antrim were fully heard, and all parties were removed; the Synod came then to consider on the merits of the cause, and reasoned upon it for some time, and

then the vote was stated confirm the erection of Belynure or not and the vote being put carried confirm by a great mojority, and Bellynure are to pay what arrears are due by them to Mr Willson till the last day of June, 1723, before they gett any supplys; and it was moved we shoud further agree that all in the bounds of Belynure or Straid who are inclined to continue under Mr Wilson's minry shall be allowed to do so, and that those of Bellyclare yt scruple submission to Mr Willson's minry shall be allowed to join Belynure, many members opposeing the addition of this clause. It was moved the vote should be put whether we will add said clause or not, but the Synod finding that many members are gon out refferred this matter and adjournd to 8 tomorrow morning—concluded with prayer.

Bellynure erected.

Sess: 6th.

Die Ven Horâ 8 *Ante Meridièm post preces Sederunt qui supra.*

Upon reading the minute about Bellynure erection the debate about adding the above clause was resumed, and after reasoning the vote was put shall we add said clause (That we further agree, &c.) or not and it carried add said clause. Mr William Gray protested against adding said clause and desired that his protest may be entered into the records, and Mr Alex. Macrakan, Senr, Mr Hutcheson, Capt. Henderson, Mr Irwin, Mr Masterton, Mr Laird, Mr Wm Agnew, and Coll. Upton, joined in this protest.

An appeal entered by Coll. Upton from a sentence of the Synod of Belfast to this General Synod came orderly before this Synod; the Minutes of the Synod of Belfast in that affair were read, and are in these words:—Mr. Smith's supplicacon was read by which it appears the design of it is to obtain a synodicall recommendation to North Brittain for some charitable contributions to finish the 3d Meeting-house in Bellfast; severall members haveing spoken on that head Mr Hallyday alledged he had seen a letter from a learned professor in Scotland signifieng that one of the comissioners from that congraãon who had been formerly in that country on that affair had at least in private conversacon suggested that the minrs of Belfast from whome that congregacon had separated themselves did maintain principles which 'open a door to lett in all Errors and Heresys into this Church or 'words to that effect, which Mr Hallyday took to be a grivous reflection, 'whereupon Coll. Upton declared he had often said the same, and was 'ready to prove that these gentlemen do maintain principles which 'open a door to lett in all errors and heresys into this Church, and for 'his part he had seperated comunion with non-subscribers on that 'score, several members complaining that what Coll. Upton now had 'alledged was a great injury done to their carracters desired that 'Coll. Upton may be called upon to make good what he had now 'advanced and desired that the Synod would give their Judgement 'whether Coll. Upton's proofs did make it out that they maintained 'said principles; but others moveing that the affair of the supplicaõn which was first Tabled may be first considered the question was put shall the supplicacon or complaint be first considered, and it carried that the complaint shall be first considered, and then the Synod entered upon the complaint made by several brethrn. The complts moved 'before they went out that no more of that pamphlett called the

Coll. Upton's Appeal.

Minutes of the Synod of Belfast.

'"Vindicacon," &c. should be considered but what was now observed, 'unless they be present; after Coll. Upton, Mr Kirkpatrick, 'Mr Hallyday, Mr Michael Bruce, and Mr Nivin were removed a 'question were put who are parties to this cause, whether any other 'than those who managed in defence of said pamphlett last year or 'more, and it carried that no more than the managers for said 'pamphlett Last year in this place shall be judged parties in this 'cause. Haveing concluded yt Coll. Upton, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr 'Hallyday, Mr Michael Bruce, and Mr Nivin, the 4 Managers in 'Defence of said pamphlett Last year are parties in this cause, Coll. 'Upton urged again and again that the aforesaid Pamphlett be fully read and others that its not necesary to read it fully, it carried, not read it fully. The Synod after long reasoning put the following question:—Doth it appear to this Synod by the evidence produced by Mr Upton that Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Hallyday, Mr Michael Bruce, and Mr Nivin have been justly charged by him with maintaining a principle which opens a door to let in all errors and heresys into this Church: It carried not, *nemine contradicente.*

Then the Synod came to the following overtures in regard that Coll. Upton reffered to a book called the "Vindicacon," &c., as a proofe of his charge against those minrs, this Synod is willing to allow Mr Upton what time he pleaseth if he think fitt to make good his charge; partys being called, our resolution was read unto them. First, that only the 4 managers, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr M. Bruce, Mr Hallyday, Mr Nivin, and no more, are to be lookt upon as partys in this cause from which resolution Coll. Upton appealed to next Generall Synod; 2dly It doth not appear to this Synod from the evidence produced by Coll. Upton that Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Hallyday, Mr Michael Bruce, and Mr Nivin, the Managers for the pamphlett intitled the "Vindicacon," &c., have been justly charged with maintaining a principle that opens a door to lett in all errors and heresys into this Church, from which resolution Coll. Upton appealed to next Genl Synod. 3d Resolution: Some things have been offered in the course of this Tryal by Coll. Upton for breaking thro' the Genl Synod's Charitable Declareacons, this Synod put the vote adhere to the Genl Synod's Charitable Declareations, or not, and it carried adhere, *nemine contradicente* from which vote Coll. Upton allso appealed to next Genl Synod and promised to give his reasons.

Reasons of the Appeal.

Then the reasons of Coll. Upton's appeal and the answers of the Synod of Belfast to these reasons were read and then they were read again allternately both reasons and answers and both partys were fully heard on each perticular. Then the 1st Resolution of the Synod of Belfast on this affair and Coll. Upton's appeals from it were again read and the reasons of this appeal, and the answers of the Synod of Belfast to these reasons were read again allternately and each party was fully heard. Then the second resolution of the Synod of Belfast and Coll. Upton's appeal from said resolution was read again, and the reasons of his appeal and the answers of the Synod of Belfast to these reasons were read again alternately and each party was fully heard.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock in the afternoon; concluded with prayer.

Sessio : 7th.

Die ven Hord 4 A merid. post preces Sedert. qui supra.

Books Revised.

The revisers of the records of the Synod of Armagh do report that they revised said records and do approve them and so doth this Synod.

The revisers of the records of the Synod of Belfast do report that they revised said records and do approve them, and so doth this Synod.

The revisers of the records of the Synod of Derry do report that they revised said records and do approve them and so doth this Synod.

Then the 3d resolution of the Synod of Belfast, and Coll. Upton's appeal from said resolution were read and the reasons of his appeal and the answers of the Synod of Belfast to these reasons were read alternately and each party was fully heard, then Coll. Upton the appelant was asked if he had anything further to offer in Defence of his appeal : he said he had nothing further to offer, but left his cause to the Justice of the Synod. Then the Synod of Belfast being the Defendants were asked if they had anything further to offer in deffence of their sentence appealed from and they were fully heard ; then the Synod of Belfast and Coll. Upton were removed and allso the brn who corresponded with that Synod and judged in that affair, vizt., Mr Simpson, Mr Menagh, were removed ; allso it was moved that Capt. McNeal Mr Simpson's Elder who was one of the correspondents with the Synod of Belfast should be removed : after reasoning the vote was put, remove Capt. McNeal or not, and it carried remove, and its agreed that James McAlen being Elder to Mr Menagh the other correspondent with that Synod shall be removed and also Mr McCrakan, Senr, and John Millar his Elder being members of the Synod of Belfast shoud be removed, and they were removed accordingly.

Appeals disscussed and carried *bene appelatum.*

Then the Synod came to consider the method of procedure in this Tryal, and it was moved and agreed to that the sevl appeals shall be considered seperately, and then the first resolution of the Synod of Belfast on this affair was read as allso Coll. Upton's appeal from said resolution, the reasons of his appeal and the answers of the Synod of Belfast to these reasons were read alternately, and the members of this Synod reasoned on this affair and maturely weighed both the reasons offered by the appellant and the answers offered by the Defendts : Then the question was put had Coll. Upton reason to appeal from said first resolution or not, and it carried yt he had reason to appeal by majority of voices.

Then the Synod came to consider Coll. Upton's 2d appeal and the 2d resolution of the Synod of Belfast was read, as also Coll. Upton's appeal from said resolution and the reasons of his appeal, and the ansrs of the Synod of Belfast to these reasons were read alternately, and the members of the Synod maturely weighed and reasoned upon both reasons and answrs and what was offered by both parties upon them ; and then the question was put had Coll. Upton reason to appeal from said 2d resolution of the Synod of Belfast, or not, and it carried that he had reason to appeal by a great majority.

Then the Synod came to consider Coll. Upton's 3d appeal and the 3d resolution of the Synod of Belfast was read as allso Coll. Upton's appeal from said resolution and the reasons of his appeal, and the answers of the Synod of Belfast to these reasons were read allternately and the Synod considered what had been offered by the

sev[l] parties and reasoned upon this cause for some time; then the question was put had Coll. Upton reason to appeal from said 3[d] resolution or not, and it carried that he had reason to appeal by a great majority by which Last resolution this Synod does not intend to condemn the Synod of Belfast for adhereing to the General Synods charitable Declaraõns but because the use they made of it at that time had a Tendancy to deprive our people who are against comũnion with non-subscribers of the benefitt of the 5th pacific resolution of the last General Synod mett in Londonderry which explicaõn was voted and approven—Adjourned to 8 in the morning—Concluded with prayer.

Die Saturni horâ Octava Ante Merid. post preces Sederunt qui supra.

Orderd that each preby speedily pay what was promised to Mr Samuel Magachy and transmitt it to his widdow, and if any congraon refuse to pay said money their names are to be returned to next Synod, each preby shall appoint a collector and be accountable to next Synod. Charity to Mrs. Magachy.

All partys to the appeal were called and the sentance of the Synod was intimated to them upon which some members of the Synod of Belfast expressed their Dissatisfacon with these resolutions now read, and M[r] Kirkpatrick Desired that his protest against each of these resolutions now read and against all further proceedings of the Synod in pursuance of them in his own name and in the name of all who shall adhere to him may be entered into the records of this Synod, and M[r] Aberneathy, M[r] Hallyday, M[r] Michael Bruce, M[r] Nivin, M[r] Mairs, M[r] Tho[s] Shaw, M[r] Henderson, and M[r] Harper, Min[rs], and M[r] John Shaw and Capt. M[c]Neal Elders, Desired that their protest against the said resolutions may be entered into the records of this Synod. These br[n] being removed, the Synod reasoned upon this case a long time. It was moved by some members we should receive their protest without a vote, but this was opposed, and then the question was put, receive the protestaõn in General without M[r] Kirkpatrick's additional clause or not, and it carried not, by plurality of voices, and then M[r] M[c]Alpin desired that his dissent from this vote in his own name, and in the name of all who shall adhere to him may be entered into the records of this Synod, and M[r] Ja[s] Bruce, M[r] Hugh Henery, M[r] Ja[s] Reid, M[r] Dickson, M[r] Arch[d] M'Claine, Jun[r], M[r] Simson, M[r] Josias Cornwall, M[r] Tho[s] M'Claine, M[r] Plunkett, M[r] Williamson, M[r] Carlisle, M[r] Donaldson, M[r] Pat Bruce, M[r] Cunigham, M[r] Higinbothom, M[r] Getty, M[r] W[m] Smith, Min[rs], and these Elders William Macquoid, Tho[s] Sturgeon, Jo[s] Hill, M[r] Grycon, Ja[s] Logan, M[r] Byars adhered to this Dissent. M[r] Upton moved that this Synod would assertaine the time when they would consider the merits of the cause upon which he had appealed. Its agreed that this Synod shall meet on Munday at 4 of the Clock after-noon upon this affair. It was further moved that it be assertained who ought to be parties to this cause upon which Coll. Upton had appealed; Coll. Upton answered that all the non-subscribers are to be parties in this cause

Protest not allowed.

Dissents Entered.

Ordered Mr Higinbotham, Mr Humphry Thompson, Mr Cunigham,

Mr Saml Henery, Mr Tait, Mr Nivin shall inspect our Treasurers accounts and make report to the Synod—adjourned till Monday 4 in the afternoon—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio: 9th. *Die Luna Horâ 4 a Merid.* Roll called after prayer. *Sederunt, &c.*

The Synod of Belfast parties.

The Synod resolveing to enter on the Tryall of the cause upon which Coll. Upton had appealed It was moved by Coll. Upton that Mr Masterton our Moderator being a member of the Synod of Bellfast when this cause was judged might leave the chair and that another might moderate in this tryal, and that the whole Synod of Belfast might be removed, they haveing judged in this cause allready, but this mocon was opposed by some members, and they alledged the Synod of Belfast had not given sentence in the merits of the cause, after long reasoning the Synod of Belfast haveing been fully heard were desired to remove till the Synod determine this matter, that Synod offered severall reasons and arguments why they should not be judged partys in this cause and then withdrew, and after long reasoning the vote was put admitt the Synod of Belfast to judge in this Tryal or not, and it carried not by a great Majority. Mr Thos M'Claine, Mr Donaldson, Mr Archd M'Claine, Junr, Mr Josias Cornwal, Mr Higinbothom desired that their Dissent from this vote should be recorded.

Protest not allowed.

Then the Synod of Belfast was called and this intimated to them and Mr Dickson desired that his protest in his own name and in the name of all who shall adhere to him in behalfe of the privilidges of the Synod of Belfast against this last vote, may be enterd into the records of this Synod and against all proceedings of this Synod dureing their exclusion, and Mr James Bruce, Mr McCalpin, Mr Smith, Mr Reid, Mr Williamson, Mr Simson, Mr Patrick Bruce, miñrs, and these Elders, William Maquoid, Mr Byars, Mr John Shaw, Mr Robt. Willson desired yt their adhereance to said protest may be recorded: Capt. McNeal allso protested against his Exclusion. The Members who desired to have their protest recorded being removed, the case was reason'd for some time whether the Synod will receive their protest or not, and the vote was put, receive said protest or not, and it carried not by a great majority: Mr Thos M'Clain, Mr Archd M'Clain, Junr Mr Donaldson desired that their Dissent from this vote may be recorded.

Dissents entered.

Mr Michael Bruce moved in the name of all the Defendants that this Synod would give an explicacon of the sense of the 2d resolution of this Synod upon Coll. Upton's 2d appeal, and then it was moved that the Synod adjourn, and this being opposed by severall members the vote was put adjourn now or not, and it carried adjourn by a great majority. Adjourned to 7 in the morning—concluded with prayer.

Sessio: 10th. *Die Mart horâ Septima Mane, post preces, sederent qui supra.*

The above Mocon by Mr Bruce was again considered and the matter reasond at some length, and the question was put, Explaine now or not, and it carried Not by a great majority—partys were called and this resolution read unto them.

Then it was moved that tho' we have judged that the Synod of Belfast in point of strict Discipline have not a right to sitt and judge in this Tryall this Synod will allow them to sitt and judge in it notwithstanding. Then it was further moved that the Synod of Belfast be called and asked if they agree to this moōon, and they were called accordingly, but they declined to sitt and judge in this cause unless this Synod declare they have a right so to do, upon which the mocon was Dropt.

Mr Kirkpatrick moved in the name of the Defendants that in order to their making their defences, this Synod would enter a Resolution into their records whether or not they have allready judged the merits of the cause between Coll. Upton and the defendants which was laid before the Synod of Belfast; partys being removed, it was moved that we do declare that we have not judged the merits of the cause between Coll. Upton and the Deftts and the question was put approve this resolution or not, and it carried approve, *nemine contradicente.*

The Defts. Excepcons Disscussed.

Mr Michael Bruce moved that whereas Coll. Upton had excepted against several persons who were to sitt and judge in this Tryall, and had his exceptions allowed that they the defendts have ye same right, and in pursuance of said right they do except against Mr Mathew Clerk, Mr Gilbert Kennedy, Mr Jos Morrison, and all those mintrs and elders whose sessions had sent suplicacons to this Synod in the year 1721; as to Mr Clerk they alledge that he has already given Judgement against them in two printed pamphlets of his upon the merits of this cause, and read some passages of said pamphlets to that effect; as to Mr Gilbert Kennedy they offer that in open Synod, last week, he said that non-subscription is an intollerable error and that he did in a sermon preached last Lord's Day in this place declare his opinion in this cause and did his best to influence the minds of such of this Judicatory as were then present against them the Defendts, and they offered to read a manuscript which they said was his sermon in proof of what they alleadged. Mr Kennedy signified his willingness to have his sermon read but to make matters easy said that in his oppinion, the non-subscribing principle is not tollerable in any regularly constituted Church, but this would not satisfie unless that he had pointed out the non-subscribers as not to be tollerated in this Church, but he refused to give any further acknowledgements, whereupon they insisted upon reading said manuscript, and then they were removed, and the Synod came to consider whether they would read said manuscript or not; after reasoning it was moved that the matter of this evidence be reffered untill the Synod hear and consider all the other excepcons the Defendants have to offer against any of those who are to be their Judges in this cause, because severall other members are excepted against by the defendants as Dissqualified to judge upon this perticular evidence; this was agreed to as to Mr Morrison, they offer'd that they were informed that he drank the following health, viz.: "Hatchets and halters to King George's enemies and to all new Lights." Mr Morrison Declared that he never drank such a health and that the story is false but does not acknowledge he is not of their principles and cannot Join in Comunion with them, tho' he loves their persons. Mr Ross was called upon as an evidence agt Mr Morrison. Mr Ross freely answered that he

Mr Morrison.

never heard as far as he remembers, any person say he heard Mr Morrison drink such a health, but he heard Mr Morrison deny it, in presence of Mr Davy who was said to be present when such a health should have been drank by Mr Morrison & that Mr Davy seemed to acquiesce in what Mr Morrison said.—Adjourned to 4 afternoon—concluded with prayer.

Sessio: 11th

Die Martis horâ quarta A meridie post preces sedert. qui supra.

The Defts. Exceptions against their Judges Discussed.

The Defts. having excepted against these Minrs and Elders as judges in this cause from whose Sessions supplicacons had been sent to the Synod in the year 1721, they desired that said supplicacons may be produced and accordingly most of them were produced by the clerk, and the supplicacon from Newton Lamavaddy was read, and upon reading of it they allowed that it was no evidence for their purpose and dropt their excepcon against minr and elder of said congraon. & upon reading the supplicacon from Killraughts, they dropt their excepcons as to the minr and elder of said congraon; and the supplicacon from Londonderry being read they dropt their excepcon against Mr Ross; then the supplicacons from Bellykelly, Donnaghmore, Convoy, Achalow, Kinard, Bailyborrough, Clendevadoge were read and the Defts argued from these supplicacons that the minrs and Elders of said congraons should be excluded from Judgeing in this cause; and the supplicacon from Taughboin not being found Mr Kirkpatrick alleadged that there was in that supplicacon this clause that they would as soon hear a papist priest as hear those that would not subscribe the Confession of Faith or words to that Effect and Mr Higginbothom was adduced as an evidence to prove this and Mr Higginbothom being called, averrs the truth of it. They then more expressly excepted against Mr Laird, Capt. Henderson, Mr Morrison, Mr Baptist Boyd, and his Elder, Mr Simm and his elder, Mr Gray, Mr Stirling and his Elder. Mr Matthew Clerk was heard what he had to offer why he should not be excluded from Judgeing in this cause; Mr Laird was heard, and Capt. Henderson was heard, Mr Bapt. Boyd was heard, and Mr Symm was heard; they dropt their excepcon against Mr Symm, but insisted upon their excepcon against John Davison, Mr Symm's Elder; Mr Symm was allso heard and they dropt their excepcon against him and his elder: they dropt their excepcon allso against Mr Stirling; after hearing him Mr Gray was allso heard; he denies that the above-said expression was in the supplicacon from Taughboyn. Mr Higginbotham being again called averrs that the said expression or words to that effect are in the Supplicacon from Taughboyn; partys being removed except Mr Gilbert Kennedy, the exceptions against whome are to be tryed afterwards The Synod came to consider the Excepcons against the above named persons on acct. of the Supplicacons from the severall Sessions, vizt:—Mr Laird and Capt. Henderson, Mr Bapt. Boyd, and Thos Harvy his Elder, and John Davison Mr Simm's Elder, Mr Irvine and his Elder, and Mr Gray, and after reasoning the vote was put thus, ought the above-named persons to be excluded from Judgeing in this cause, or not, and it carried not, *nemine contradicente.* Then the Synod considered the excepcons brought against Mr Clerk and after some reasoning, this Synod upon the evidence

given by the Defend^ts^ unanimously agree to exclude Mr Clerk from Judgeing in this cause; then the Synod considered the excepcons given in against Mr Morrison, and after reasoning the vote was put Exclude Mr Morrison from Judgeing in this cause or not, and it carried not by a great majority; as to Mr Gilbert Kennedy he wav'd his privilidge of judgeing in this cause.

The Reverend Mr Henery Windor produced a Comicon from the reverend preby in Dublin to present a letter from said preby, and some Gent. in Dublin to this Synod, the said letter was read. It was subscribed by the preby in Dublin and by Mr Alex^r^ Cairns, Dr Cuming, and several other Gentlemen: they therein earnestly recommend peace, charity, and mutual forberance to all the members of this Synod; allso a representacon from many Gent. in Divers places in the North of Ireland was read. Mr Windor.

Adjourned to 8 in the morning; concluded with prayer.

Die Mercurii Horâ 8 *Ante Meridiem; post preces Sederunt, &c.* Sessio: 12th

The Synod resumed the consideracon of the cause depending between Coll. Upton and the Defendants, and it was moved by the said defendants that no decision which the Synod shall come to in this cause shall affect those of their number who are absent, viz:—Mr Taylor, Junr, Mr Thos Willson, Mr Clugston in regard that these breth^rn^ have not an opportunity to make their defences, the parties being removed the Synod unanimously resolved that the said three non-subscribing breth^rn^ shall not be so affected by the decision which this Synod shall come to in this cause now before us as to be thereby either personally acquitted or condemned, however said decision may affect them Indirectly in its consequences. As to Mr Gilbert Kennedy who has waved his priviledge, the defend^ts^ moved that he might not be allowed to speak in this cause unless he join Coll. Upton in the prosecution: the Synod agreed to this Mocon, and Mr Kennedy is allowed to joyn Coll. Upton. Capt. M^c^Neall moved that he ought not to be excluded from judgeing in this cause: he was heard what he had to offer, and the Synod considering their former vote excluding Capt. M^c^Neal, adheard to said vote. Mr Kennedy.

The Synod entering upon the merits of the cause, Coll. Upton gave in his charge in these words, that the non-subscribers maintain principles which open a door to lett in all errors and heresies into this church. It was moved by the defend^ts^ that Coll. Upton wou'd ascertain what these principles are with which he charges them as opening a door to lett in all errors and heresies into this church: Coll. Upton was heard; he offered severall things which he thought necesary to introduce the merits of the cause and then ascertained the principle which he charges them with. The principle is that "no declareacon of faith, creed, or confession of faith in human words merely or the words of fallible men is or can be a sufficient Test of Orthodoxy or terms of Ministerial Comunion in this church." It was moved by the defend^ts^ that he would explain more perticularly the principle with which he charges them: for they alledge that the above principle is ambigous and may admitt of two different sences: Either, first that no declareacon or confession of faith except in words of Scripture only, ought to be Merits of the Cause.

required of any person as an evidence of soundness in the faith in order to quallifie him for admission to the ministry in this church, or 2d^ly^, that no particular authorized form in the words of uninspired men should be the sole and exclusive Test of orthodoxy, so as any person offering a satisfactory confession in his own words tho' other than Scripture words shall not be admitted to the ministry in this church: They believe this proposition is capeable of both sences and they look upon these sences to be contradictory they therefore desire to know if he charges ēm with both these sences or if he charges ēm with one of these sences only, they desire to know with which of these sences he charges them because the plea must be different according to the sence he shall fix on. Partys being removed, the Synod considered this mocon and after reasoning it was moved that the state of the vote shall be this: Shall Coll. Upton be obliged to explaine his proposition further as the Defendants desired or shall he proceed to prove his Generall proposition, and the vote being put it carried that he shall proceed to make good his general proposition by a great majority, Mr Thos M^c^Claine, Mr Arch^d^ M^c^Claine, Junr, Mr Donaldson Dissented from this vote and the partys were called and the sentance intimated to them. The defend^ts^ expressed their dissatisfaccon with this resolution and desired leave to withdraw for some time to consider how they shall conduct themselves.

Adjourned to 3 afternoon—concluded with prayer.

Die Merc. Horâ 3 *A Meridie*—after prayer *sederunt qui supra.*

Newton. Supplies.

From a newly erected congraon at Newton appeared Jo^sh^ Thomson Comissioner suplicateing that this Synod woud send supplys to that congracon in order to their being planted. This Synod agrees to appoint Supplies to them till next General Synod: the preby of Longford is to supply them the month of July by Mr James Hamilton; the the preby of Armagh by Mr Gordon for August; preby of Antrim for 7^br^ by Mr William Murdagh; Augher for October by Mr Glassgow; Belfast for 9^br^ by Mr Frazer and M^r^Stewart; Derry for December by Mr John Cochran; Down for January, Strabane for February by Mr Cadow; Coleraine for March, Tyrone for Aprill by Mr Dick; Letterkeny till next General Synod by Mr William Blair.

The Defts Plea.

The Synod resuming the afair in dependance between Coll. Upton and the defend^ts^, they the said defend^ts^ were heard; they offered their plea to the ambiguity of the charge given in against them in writeing which was read and they desired that their plea shu'd be entered into our records: partys being removed the Synod unanimously agreed that their plea shoud be entered. It is in these words:—

Since the Synod hath not been pleased to oblidge the prosecutors to ascertaine the sence of this General proposition wherewith they charge us vizt: that no declareacon of faith, creed or confesssion of faith in human words meerly or the words of fallible men is or can be a Test of Orthodoxy, or terms of ministeriall communion in this church, which proposition we have shown to be so ambigous as to admitt of contradictory meanings whereby perplexity and confusion may be occasioned

both in the pleadings of the partys and the judgement of the members which tends to Influence the Judges to wrong or ambigous conclusions, the Defend^ts^ therefore answer that if the above-mentioned proposition be understood in this sence that no Declareacon or Confession of faith except in words of Scripture only ought to be required of any as an evidence of their soundness in the faith in order to qualifie them for admission to the ministry in this church, then they the Defend^ts^ allow Coll. Upton and Mr Kennedy to adduce their evidence under the limitacons to be hereafter menconed to prove that these Defend^ts^ have vented and maintained said principle in the said sence: if the proposition is to be understood in the following sence, that no perticular Authorized form in the words of uninspired men should be the sole and exclusive Test of Orthodoxy so as any particular person offering a satisfactory confession of faith in his own words tho' other than Scripture words, should be admited to the ministry in this church: then the Defend^ts^ answer that the accusacon is not relevant that is to say it does not infer cencure and therefore ought not to be the matter of an Ecclesiastick process. If it be alledged that the proposition is to be taken in both these sences, then the Defend^ts^ say that the accusacon is contradictory and absurd, and ought to be immediately rejected without admitting the prossecutors to adduce any evidence at all: if the said proposition is to be understood in a different sence from any of these aboved assigned, the Defend^ts^ answer they can make no defence till that sence be declared either by the prosecutors or the Synod, but whereas the prossecutors declared that their proposion did not mean nor glance at what is comonly called the Alternative, which we take to be this, that a person in order to be qualified for admission to this church shoud be allowed his liberty to declare his faith in the words of the West. Conf. or to use words of his own which may be satifing to his ordainers, altho' the explanacon is not sufficient yett since the Synod have refused to require any further from the prossecutors the Defend^ts^ are willing to proceed reserving to themselves the liberty of Demanding a more full explicacon which may appear necessary in the course of the tryall: the Limittacon with respect of the evidence allready reffered to is this, that no evidence shall be admitted against them here but such as was offerred to the Synod of Belfast, because such only shoud be brought to the Synod on the Appeal and because they have a right of the comon rules of proceeding in this church to know the evidence that is brought against them a competent time before the tryall in order for their being prepared for makeing a Defence, and the Deft^s^ humbly crave that this written plea may be entered into the records of this Synod.

Partys being called Coll. Upton proceeded to produce his proofs of his charge against the Defendants, and reffered to a book Intitled the "Vindicacon, &c." and desired that the 21st page of said book might be read; then the Deft^s^ alledged that he ought to prove that they the said Deft^s^ are the Authors or abbettors of said book, and do espouse all the principles in it or at least such as he shall quote as proofes of his charge, otherwise it will be to no purpose to read it. Coll. Upton alledges he hath a right to produce his evidence in what manner he thinks fitt; the Defts insisted that he ought to prove said book

the Vindicacon read

to be espoused by them: parties were hered and removed, and the Synod came to consider this affair, and after reasoning, it was moved that the state of the vote shall be this, shall we allow Coll. Upton to proceed in his own method of produceing his evidence or in the method proposed by the Defts and the vote being put it carried that Coll. Upton shall be allowed to proceed in his own method of produceing evidence by a great majority, Mr Thos M'Claine Mr Archd M'Claine Junr and Mr Donaldson Dissented from this vote. Partys being called and this intimated to them, the Defts declined to plead till it be proven that they are the authors or abettors of ye book called the "Vindication, &c.," or do espouse the principles of said book.

Then Coll. Upton proceeded to produce his evidence to suport his charge and desired that the 21st page of "the Vindicacon" may be read, and it was read accordingly, and the prossecutors observ'd severall things from that passage to prove that the non-subscribing principle opens a door to lett in all errors and heresys into this church; then Coll. Upton desired that page 22, page 26, page 27, page 28, page 14, page 32, page 33, page 35, page 37, page 39 of said book may be read, and they were read accordingly, and the prossecutors observed what they thought proper from each of those passages severally, in order to prove that the non-subscribing principle opens a door to lett in errors and heresys into this church.

Good old Way.

Evidence Examined

Then the Prosecutors refferred to a pamphlett called "The good old Way," but the Defts. objected against reading that book, alledging that it had not been adduced upon the Tryall of this cause at the Synod of Bellfast. Mr Upton therefore adduced Mr Alexander Hamilton to prove that it was adduced at that Synod. Mr Hamilton was called and declares that he heard Coll. Upton mention the "Good old Way" along with the "Vindicacon," but cannot tell whether it was in the time of the Tryall or not. Mr Upton desired that Mr Frazer may be called and he was called accordingly and declares that he heard Mr Upton mention the "Good old Way" as an evidence in the cause dureing the time of that Tryall before said Synod. Then the Defts moved that Mr James Reid [be called] and he was called and declares that he is not sure that Coll. Upton did not mencon the "Good old Way," but that he did not hear him mention said book. They allso aduced Mr Smith as an evidence, he declares that he does not remember that Coll. Upton did mencon that book, but will not say that he did not mention it. Then Coll. Upton called Mr Seaton as an evidence; he declares that he did mention it the "Good old Way," when he menconed his other evidences in this cause at the Synod of Belfast: then the prosecutors desired that the 12th and 13th pages and a part of the 14th page of the book intitled the "Good old Way" may be read, and they were read accordingly. The passage they made their remarks upon is this: "Indeed we think it very agreeable to charity that these points where-"in the reason of men and sincerity of Christions permitt them to Differ "and which therefore cannot be the vitals or essentials of religion, "shoud not occasion any breach, allienation of affection or excomu-"nicating Cannons." The prosecutors alledged from said passage what they thought proper to prove that the non-subscribing principle opens a

door to lett in all errors and heresys into this church. The Defts replyed to this last plea and both prossecutors and defendents were heard.

Adjourned to 8 in the morning—concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis Horâ 8 *ante merid:* roll called; after prayer—*Sedt &c.* Sessio 14th

The Defendts moved that their plea to this 2d charge against them may be entered into our records; parties being removed, the Synod agrees to receive whatever plea the Defts shall see fitt to deliver to this Synod in Writeing, and to take notice in our records that such a plea was read; and partys being called, the Defts brought in their plea which was read: they therein alledge that the charge of the prosecutors out of the "Good old Way" is contrary to Scripture, to the 27th article of the 1st Chapr and the 2d article of the 26th Chapt. of our Confession of Faith and to reason, and yt they mantaine the above principle as cited out of the "Good old Way" to be a true principle agreeable to Scripture, reason, and our Cofession of Faith; and in regard that the Defts pleaded that the whole plea should be incerted into the records the vote was put approve the above minute or incerte the whole plea, and it carried approve the above minute, from which vote Mr Higginbothom, Mr Thos M'Claine, Mr Donaldson and Mr Archd M'Claine Junr Dissented. The Defts 2d Plea.

Then the prosecutors desired that the 1st pacific resolution of the General Synod mett in Londonderry 1722 may be read and the prossecutors alledged that the Defts not voteing in passing said ressolution proves that the Defts do maintaine the above principle wherewith the prosecutors charge them: The Defendts replyed to this plea and offered their defences and whereas Coll. Upton alledged that Mr Henderson had spoken against said resolutions when they were under Debate at the General Synod at Derry he desired that Mr. Boyd might be called to prove this; Mr William Boyd was called, he declares he does remember there was some debate between Mr Henderson and him about the consistancy of human composures with the perfection of the Scriptures and says that Mr Henderson did alledge that subscribeing Human composures argued the imperfection of the Scriptures or words to that effect Then Mr Henderson desired that Mr Boyd might be asked if he could remember that he expressed himself to this purpose that the resolution as it stood in these words appeared to him to do so. Mr Boyd said that he could not charge his memory with respect to Mr Henderson's expressing these words; then Coll. Upton adduced Mr John Stirling as an evidence in this case. Mr Stirling declares that Mr Henderson argued that subscribing Human composures was inconsistant with the perfecon of the Scriptures. Mr Stirling was further interrogate if he remembers the very words uttered by Mr Henderson on that argument: Mr Stirling answered that Mr Henderson said that that resolution argued the imperfection of the Scriptures: he was further interrogate if Mr Henderson proposed it as a scruple or used it as an argument, and Mr Stirling replyed he used it as a medium. Then Mr Henderson called Mr Patrick Bruce; he declares he does not remember whether Mr Henderson proposed it as an argument or used it as a scruple: then Mr Henderson desired that Capt. M'Cullagh may be

Resolution in Derry Quoted.

Evidences.

Examined.

called, and he was called, and declared that Mr Henderson offered some things as Dificulties against coming to that resolution. Mr Simson declares that Mr Henderson said that the resolution as it there worded does argue the imperfecon of the Scripture. Mr Cuningham declares that Mr Henderson said he hopes the Synod does not intend to derrogat from the perfection of the Scripture. Mr Fraser being interrogate, declares Mr Henderson sayd he could not agree to that resolution because that resolution appeared to him to argue the imperfecon of the Scripture. Mr Henderson desired that Mr Fraser might be further interrogate whether after several members had declared that the resolution was not intended to derrogate from the perfecon or sufficiency of the Scriptures, Mr Henderson spoke anything further on that subject. He answered he did not remember that Mr Henderson did so much as attempt to justifie the argument he had advanced. Mr Aberneathy advanced that it was allowed both by the committee for drawing up said resolutions and the Synod that the non-subscribers shoud not vote said resolutions; for proof he adduced Mr John Shaw, who being called, declared that Mr Aberneathy said that considering the principle which they that are called the non-subscribers went upon with respect to declareations concerning points of faith in an authoritative way as he understood without any just occasion, and considering that this which is now formed into a resolution hath the air of an Inquision, it could not be expected they could go into said resolution, and Coll. Upton himselfe allowed that it could not be expected they should; to which Coll. Upton agreed, and further that Mr Boyse spoke allso to the same purpose.

The General Synod's Fixt Comittee.

The several Prebys returned the names of their Members for General Synod's Fixt Comittee, as follows:—For Down Preby, Mr Will: Smith, Mr Montgomery, Mr Williamson, and Mr Hugh Wallace Elder; Coleraine, Mr William Boyd, Mr M'Bride, Mr Knox, and Mr Gawin Steel, Elder; Tyrone, Mr Thos Kennedy, Mr Nath Cochran, Mr Tomb, Mr William Agnew Elder; Armagh, Mr Lang, Mr Mackay, Mr Moor, and Mr M'Mullan Elder; Derry, Mr John Stirling, Mr Thomas Harvy, Mr Ross, and Mr John Harvy Elder; Letterkeny, Mr Sam. Henery, Mr Vance, Mr Lyn, and Mr John Henderson Elder; Longford—Mr Robert Thompson, Mr Dean, Mr Bond, and Mr John Willson Elder. Antrim—Mr Leech, Mr Brown, Mr Getty, Mr Pat. Agnew Elder; Strabane—Mr Isaac Taylor, Mr Hemphill, John Willson Elder; Belfast—Mr Masterton, Mr Hallyday, Mr Pat. Bruce, Mr Robt. Willson Elder,—Augher; Mr Alexander Fleming, Mr Hemphill, Mr Bapt. Boyd, Capt. Robt. Willson Elder—15 of whome is to be a quorum, 12 whereof to be ministers, and they are to be called by the Moderator upon emergents, and to meet at Dungannon.

Sessio 15th

Die Jovis horâ 4 *a. merid.* Roll called—after prayer. *Sedt* &c.

The affair in dependance being resumed the prossecutors moved that they would proceed to adduce their evidence to prove that the Defts. are Authors or abettors of the pamphlett called the "Vindicacon," &c., or that they Espouse the principles of said book quoted by the prossecutors. The Defendts alledge that the prosecutors ought to adduce no

new evidence against them except what had been before the Synod of Belfast in this cause, seeing the prosecutors have not notified to them the names of such new evidence 10 free days before this tryall comenced, according to the Rules of our discipline in all such cases. The parties were heard and removed, and after long reasoning, it was moved that whereas the Defts pleaded as above against Coll. Upton's proceeding to produce any new evidence against them, the Defts seeing that they have not had 10 days notice of the names of the persons to be adduced as Evidence against them in regard that this affair came before this Synod by an appeal, and therefore no evidence according to our rules ought to be adduced against them, the Defts except what had been before the Synod of Belfast at that time when the appeal was entered and the prossecutors plead that they will not proceed in the prossecution unless they be allowed to produce the whole of their evidence, that this Synod may send out some Brn to converse with them, to see if either party will recede from their plea, and go on to the Tryal; and Mr Hutcheson, Mr Gray, Mr James Fleming, Mr Stirling, Mr John Harvy and Mr Tait are to converse with them and make report to this Synod. These Brethn being returned, report that the partys will not recede from their pleas. It was then moved that the parties may be called, and they were called accordingly, and the defts insisted on the above plea as yr just right which they could not depart from, and the prossecutors insisted upon their plea as above. Partys being again removed, the Synod considered this affair, and after reasoning it was moved and agreed to that a Comittee be appointed to frame overtures upon this affair, and bring them in to next Sederunt: the members of said Comittee are Mr Hutcheson, Mr Gray, Mr Halltridge, Mr Jas Fleming, Mr William Boyd, Mr James Moore, Mr Ross, Mr Lang, Mr Tait, Capt. Henderson. No new Evidence allowed.

An overture from the Comittee of Overtures was brought into this Synod, that in regard of the paucity of the members of the preby of Longford and their distance from one another, they may be re-united to the preby of Augher for one year; after reasoning this overture was unanimously agreed to by this Synod, and their first meeting is to be at Monaghan, Tuesday come 5 weeks. Augher and Longford United.

It was then moved that the congragacon of Moywater may be put under the conduct of that united preby: this was allso unanimously agreed to. Adjourned to 8 to-morrow morning, concluded with prayer.

Die Ven Horâ 8 Ante Merid. post preces Sederunt qui supra. Sessio 16th.

The Defts understanding that some overtures upon the affair in dependance are to be brought into this Synod desired that before the Synod come to any conclusion upon these overtures, the Defts may be heard what they have to offer upon these overtures

The Comittee appointed to frame overtures upon this affair brought in yr overtures, and they were read, and the Members of the Synod of Belfast also are Subscribers moved to know whether they may be allowed to reason and vote upon said overtures. It was agreed they should be allowed to reason and vote upon them. It being allso moved

that pties be called in and heard and allowed to reason upon said overtures before this Synod approve or reject them the question was put, hear the parties or not, and it carried not, by a great majority, against which resolution Mr Thos M'Claine, Mr William Smith, Mr Pat. Bruce, Mr Simson, Mr Archd M'Claine Junior, Minrs, and Mr John Shaw, Elder desired that their dissent might be entered into our Minutes: Then the first resolution was read and after reasoning was read again, and is in these words: Resolution 1st—That for the security of this Church it be declared by this Synod and that agreeable to a resolution of our Last General Synod in Derry that the declareing articles of faith only in Scripture words and expressions shall not be accepted as a sufficient evidence of a person's soundnees in the faith of this Church, resolved that the condemning all creeds and confessions and declarations of faith in Human words as Tests of Orthodoxy opens a door to lett in errors and heresies into this church; then the question was put aprove this resolution or not, and it carried approve; *nemine contradicente.*

1. Resol.

Then the 2d Resolution was read, and after reasoning it was read again, and it was moved that the partys be heard upon this resolution: this mocon being oposed, the question was put, hear the partys or not, and it carried not by a great majority, and Mr Thos M'Claine, Mr Donaldson, Mr Archd M'Claine, Junr, Mr Simpson, Capt. McNeall, Mr John Shaw and Mr Byars desired that their dissent from this vote may be entered into our records.

2 Resol.

The Resolution is in these words—Resol. 2d—Tho' it may be alledged that Candidates for the Ministry by words of their own may declare their faith to the satisfaction of their ordainers, yet that a particular part of this Church should have it in their power to judge what in that case must be satisfactory to the whole body is too great a trust, and extremly dangerous. Then the Question was put, aprove the 2d resolution or not, and it carried approve by a great majority, Mr Pat. Bruce dissented from this vote and desired that his dissent might be entered into our records.

Then the 3d Resolution was read, and after reasoning, it was read again. Then it was moved that the Non-subscribers should be called in and heard upon this resolution, and this mocon being opposed the question was put, call in the non-subscribers or not, and it carried not by a great majority, and Mr James Bruce, Mr Pat Bruce, Mr Simson, Mr Thos M'Claine, Mr Archd M'Claine Junr, Mr John Shaw dissented from this vote. The 3d Resoln is in these words: "Whereas it appears to us that that scope of the pamphlet, intitled the "Vindicacon &c." is to reason against and condemne all creeds and confessions in human words and the Churches insisting upon any acknowledgement of such or assent to them as Tests of orthodoxy in order to ministerial comunion in opposition to our present constitution, in order to the comdemning Subscribers, Therefore this Synod judges said pamphlet to be of a very dangerous and pernicious tendancy to this Church, and that the author or authors, publisher and industrious diffusers thereof have been disturbers of ye peace of this church; and we agree to declare that we do not hereby intend to fix said pamphlet on any person or persons in perticular; and the Synod further declares that we do not hereby intend to justifie the pamphlet

3d Resol.

intitled an Acct of the Mind of the Synod, or a reply to dugaels paper; then the question was put, Aprove the said resol^{n} or not, and it carried approve by a great majority.

Then the 4th Ressolution was read and after reasoning, was read again, and it was moved that the partys may be called, and heard upon this resolution, and they were called and heard accordingly, and the parties being removed, again the members reasoned upon this resol^{n} for some time. The Resolution is in these words: Resol. 4th: "Whereas the defend^{ts} insisted upon it as their right that no evidence shoud be adduced against them but only those which had been menconed at the Synod of Belfast, and urged that they ought to have had an account of all Coll. Upton's evidences 10 free days before the time of this tryall. and whereas Coll. Upton refused to proceed unless the whole of his evidences were allowed we overture that the said Tryall be delayed till the next meeting of this Generall Synod: Then the question was put Approve said resolution or not, and it carried approve. Resol 4th.

From the newly erected congregacon near Taughboyn appeared David Maky &c com^{ers} they presented a long paper containing complaints of sundry grivances which was read; Mr. Gray desired a coppy of said paper; the clerk is allowed to give him a coppy of it. Taughboyn.

From the old Congregacon of Taughboine appeared Robert Willson, Ja^{s} Moor &c com^{rs} they presented a supplicacon complaining of want [of] Gospill ordinances and they earnestly desired that this Synod would put them under the care of the preby of Letterkeny and allso that a Comittee may be appointed for their more speedy settlement. And they further desired that this Synod would appoint them supplys for one year. Parties were heared and removed, and the Synod considered this affair, and after reasoning, it was agreed to that this Synod shall appointe supplys to Taughboin for six months, and the preby of Derry shall supply them the rest of the time till next General Synod; and that Mr Gray shall be installed in Usher's Key on or before the last Wednesday of 7^{br}. And the Synod of Armagh is to call that party to an account, and that a letter be written by the Moderator of this Synod to the people of Taughboyn recomending it to them to have a due regard to their preby, and to endeavour to fix upon a person with whome they may be planted. The preby of Tyrone are to supply them the month of July; the Preby of Monaghan the month of August; Armagh, the month of September; Strabane of October; Rout, November; Letterkeny, December; and the matter of offence between the Preby of Derry and the people of Taughboin is to be considered in the first place at next General Synod. Taughboyn. Supplys.

It was moved that whereas our Last General Synod orderd a letter to be written to the preby in Dublin which letter hath not been sent; that a letter be written from this Synod to that preby; this was agreed to, and Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr William Boyd and Mr Ross are to bring in a draught of said letter to this Synod: this was done accordingly, the letter was read and approven, and subscribed by the Moderator. Letter to Dublin Preby.

This Synod considering the toil and trouble our clerk hath had doth order our Treasurer to pay him Two Shills for each Min^{r} out of the First R. D. that shall come into his hands.

Ordered that the Preby of Antrim shall supply Bellynure erection as soon as all arrears due to Mr Willson are paid.

All Business reffeired.

All Business which ought to have come before this Synod and cannot now be isued, is refferred to next General Synod, unless the parties agree to refferr their cause to their own prebys or Sub-Synods, or to the General Synod's Fixt Comittee. The Synod not haveing time to consider the affair of the Fund, that affair is refferred to the General Synod's Fixt Comittee.

Concluded with prayer.

Interloquiter: sederunt Passtores.

This Interloq^r^ took into consideracon the case of some of our people who are sufferers for their nonconformity: after reasoning, this was refferred to the Comittee of Overtures.

It was moved and agreed to that Mr William Cornwall shall have his share of ordinary R. D. from Midsumer, 1723 and forwards, and he is to return an account of what expences he was at in the Lawsuite comenced by Mr Darragh to this Synod.

The Comittee of Overtures brought in an Overture upon the case of some of our people who are sufferers for their nonconformity, vizt, that whereas it is represented that Mr Hawthorn's charges amount £31, and James Fullton's to £24 sterling, that the sum of £50 be apploted on the severall prebys for the payment of said sum.

Mr Kirkpatrick read a representacon of the case of our people who are prossecuted in the Ecclesastical courts; said paper is in Mr Kirkpatrick's hands.

Orderd that Mr Robt. Thompson have a double porcon of ordinary R. D. for another year.

The Comittee appointed to inspect our Treasurer's accts. report they are very exact.

Orderd that each preby shall pay their arrears to Drogheda with all possible speed, and that the severall min^rs^ shall use their intrest with such of their people as trade to Dublin to contribute to the building of Drogheda meeting-house and each min^r^ shall make a collection with previous intimacon for their assistance within six weeks.

WILL. MACKAY, C.S.G.

A General Synod met in Dungannon, June 16 1724.

Mr Chas. Masterton Moderator to the Former Synod opened this Synod by Preaching on Isaiah 62 : 6 ; and after Constitution by Prayer, Sederunt the Ministers and Ruleing Elders.

Ministers.	Elders.
Monaghan Preby.	
Rob. Coltheart	Willm Moor
Bapt. Boid	Gilbert Wattson
Humphry Thomson	David Betty
Josias Cornwall	Jon. Irwin
Jas Tate	Alex. Willson
Alex. Fleming	John Scot
William Hair	Wm M'Donel
Robt. Thomson	Jon. Davison
David Sim.	Homer Murray
Pat Plunket	Geo. Armstrong
Thos M'Clain	Fran. Scot
Saml Irwin	Rob. Paul
Sam. Hemphill	Rob. Armstrong
And. Dean	William Hamilton
William Patton	Alex. Wright
John Carlisle	Hugh Willson
Jas Bond	
Nat. Glasgow	
Down Preby.	
Jas Bruce	Michael Coltheart
John Gaudie	Wm Adams
Saml Shannon	Wm Bryson
Wm Biggar	John McKee
Thos Elder	John Hathorn
Thos Nivin	Hugh Smith
Fran. Montgomery	Wm McQuoid
Jon. Mairs	John McGee
Hugh Williamson	Jas Orr
Jon. Orr	
Tyrone Preby.	
Hen. Crooks	
Thos Kennedy	John Bayley
Jon. M'Cleave	Hen Espy
Thos Muligan	Math. Wilson
David Tomb	Wm Fleming
Hugh Walace	Hugh Biggham
John Kennedy	John Campbell
Alex, Moore	Wm Johnston
Nath Cochran	Jas Gelespy
Jas Dykes	William Agnew
Robt. Stewart	George Dunbar
Jas Orr	
Armagh Preby.	
Archd M'Clane Senr	Jon. Greer
John Hutcheson	Mr Quin : Scot

Ministers.	Elders.
Leterkeny Preby	
Sam. Henery	Wm Rea
Seth Drumand	And. Willson
Sam. Dunlap	Walter Davy
Cha. Lynd	John Anderson
Rob. Willson	Jas Watt
Fran. Laird	John Clark
Jos Cochran	James Rankin
John Holms	Capt. Henderson
Pat Vance	David Vance
Derry Preby.	
And. Ferguson	Jas Turner
Wm Cornwall	Rob. M'Conchy
Thos Windsley	Mr Jon Harvy
John Stirling	Jon. Alexander
Hans Stewart	Wm McNut
Thos Harvy	Wm Beading
Jas Wallace	Alex. Ridle
Samuel Ross	
John Harvy Junr	
Major Murray	
Ninian Cochran	
Wm Cunigham	
Thos Strawbridge	
Belfast Preby.	
And Crawford	John Girvan
Jos Kirkpatrick	Mr Sam. Smith
Cha. Masterton	Mr Pat. Getty
Jos Cobham	Hugh Donaldson
Jon. Riddell	John Steel
Rob. Sinclar	Coll. Brice
Sam. Hallyday	Hugh Dobin
Cha Seaton	Robt. Neal
Jos Stewart	Jos Hamilton
Michl Bruce	Mr Jon. Johnston
Saml Harper	Jos Akin
Pat. Bruce	Gawn Robison
Thos Crawford	
John Hasty	
Antrim Preby.	
Wm Leech	John Thomson
John Aberneathy	Saml Thomson
Wm Livingston	John Kelso
Jas Creighton	David Beard
Thos Shaw	John Wiley
Thos Willson	Jas Terrance

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Armagh Preby.		**Antrim Preby.**	
Wm Gray	Alex. Reed	Jon. Henderson	Capt. M'Cullagh
George Lang	Thos Purdy	Jas White	Mat. Templeton
Gilbert Kennedy	Jas Youngson	Josias Clugston	Jon McBrien
Jas Fleming	John Paxton	Tim. White	Robt. Willson
Rob. Rainy	Jon. Alison	Rob. M'Master	
Jas Johnston	Jos. Kelly		
Jas Moore	Jon. Campbell	**Coleraine Preby.**	
Rob. Gordon	Robt. Davison		
Hugh Henery	Wm Anderson	Mat. Clerk	Hugh Owins
Pat. Simpson	Sam Vance	Hen. Neil	Thos Reid
Archd M'ClainJunr		Sam. Dunlop	Wm Stirling
John Menagh		Wm Boid	John Smith
Wm Mackay		Rob. Higginbotom	Thos Wallace
		John Porter	John Howie
Strabane Preby.		Robt. M'Bride	Hugh Hamilton
		Jon. Cochran	Gawin Steel
Wm Holmes	Manasse Fenton	Thos Cobham	John Brown
Jas Maxwell	Thos Porter	Rob. Knox	Jas Brown
John Ball	Moses Beard	Fran. Ross	Jas Willson
Neh. Donaldson	Wm Woods	John Elder	Davd do
Alex. M'Crakan	Jos. Graham	John Orr	Moses Dunlap
Isaac Taylor	Nath. Kidd	Alex. M'Crakan	Mat. Campbell
Jos Hemphill			David Fulton
			Thos Small
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Moderator chosen.

The Former Moderator desiring that a new Moderator may be chosen, proposed a Leet of the following Bretheren, viz:—Mr John Gaudie, Mr Crooks, Mr Saml Henery, Mr Humphry Thomson, Mr Matthew Clerk, Mr Jas Fleming, Mr James Teat, Mr Livingston, Mr Thos Winsley, Mr Seth Drumand; and these bretheren being removed the vote was putt, and Mr James Teat was chosen Moderator by plurality of voices.

Clerk.

And this Synod agreed to continue Mr Mackay Clerk, and Mr George Lang is to assist him.

Committees.

For the more orderly manageing the affairs to be laid before this Synod, the several prebys are to return the names of their Members for the sevl Committees, vizt:—for Overtures, for Bills, for reviseing the books of the sevl Sub Synods, and for the fund, to next Sedt.

It was moved and agreed to that all the members of this Synod meet here for prayer at 7 tomorrow morning, and continue in prayer till 10. Interloqr to meet at 10, and open Synod at Eleven—Concluded with prayer.

The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

Die Mer Horâ 11, *Ante Merid. post preces Sedt. &c June* 17th

The several Prebys returned the names of their members for the several Committes, as Follows:—

Overtures.	Bills.	Books.	Fund.
Thomas Kennedy.	Hen. Crooks	Math. Cochran	Thos Muligan
Hugh Wallace	John M'Cleave	Robt. Stewart	John Kennedy
Alex. Moor	David Thom	Jos Orr	Jos Dikey
John Aberneathy	Jas Creighton	Jos. Clugston	Tim. White
Wm Livingston	Thos Shaw	Jas White	Will. Leech
John Henderson	Thos Willson	Tim White	Davd Sym
Humphry Thomson	Saml Hemphill	Robt. McMaster	Jos Bond
Alex. Fleming	Thos M'Clean	John Carlisle	Pat. Plunket
Wm Hair	Robt. Thomson	Sam. Irwin	Hugh Williamson
Bapt. Boid	William Patton	And. Dean	Robt. Gordon
Jas Bruce	Thos Elder	Thos Nevin	Archd M'Clane
Sam. Shannon	Fran. Mongomery	Jon. Mairs	Pat. Bruce
Wm Biggar	John Gaudie	Jon. Orr	Saml Henery
Hen. Hamilton	James Fleming	Rob. Rainy	Robt. Willson
John Hutcheson	Jas Johnson	Jas Moor	Wm Cunigham
George Lang	John Menagh	Jon Ruddle	Hen. Neil
Gilb. Kennedy	Archd M'ClainSenr	Thos Craford	Jon. Porter
Will. McKay	Jas Cobham	Jas Stuart	Thos Cobham
Will. Gray	Chas. Seaton	Jon. Hastings	Alex. M'Crakan
And. Craford	Robt. Smelar	Pat. Vance	Isaac Taylor
Jos Kirkpatrick	Mich. Bruce	Jos. Cochran	
Sam Hallyday	Cha. Lyn	Hans Stuart	
Cha. Masterton	John Holmes	Ninian Cochran	
Seth Drumand	John Harvy	Robt. Knox	
Sam. Dunlap	Major Murray	John Elder	
Fran. Laird	Will Cornwall	John Orr	
Thos Winsley	Robt. M'Bride	Jos. Hemphill	
Sam. Ross	Saml Dunlop		
Jos Wallace	Jon. Cohran		
Mat. Clerk	Jas Maxwell		
Wm Boid	Neh. Donaldson		
Rob. Higginbothom			
Wm Holmes			
John Ball			

A Motion was made by Mr Sam. Henery that whereas a paper is published bearing Mr Thos Nivin's name as if it had been emitted by him, which said paper gives an account of an affidt made before one of his Majtie's Justices of the peace by three persons, vizt: Mr Wm Hannington, Thomas Kennedy and Soloman McBride in these words: "Wee do declare that about December 1723 Mr Nivin was at the house of Capt. William Hannington in Moneyrea, when and where much being say'd concerning the Majistrates power in punishing offenders against the 2d Table of the Law Mr Nivin did positively say that it is no Blasphemy to say Christ is not God." These Affadts were made at Cumber May 27, 1724, the above named Mr Henrey declared that he had not freedom to sitt in Synod with Mr Nivin till he give satisfacon as to the matter charged upon him in the above said affidt, and many other members of this Synod joined with Mr Henery in makeing the same declareation.

Mr. Nivin.

Affidavit.

Mr. Nivin.

Mr Nivan own'd that he had published the above said printed paper, but declared that his intention by the above proposition is that it was no blasphemy in the Jews to say that Christ is not God; that is, that the Jews ought not to be knocked on the head or punished capitaly by the Laws of the Land for saying so.

And that as Blasphemy in general imports the hurting or blasting the reputation of another, no Doubt in this sence the Jews may be said to blaspheme Christ in denying him to be God.

Mr Nivin's Letter read.

It was then moved that Mr Nivin should remove till this Synod consider what is proper for them to do; upon the whole affair; and this mocon was opposed by others, and it was further moved that the paper published by Mr Nivin shoud be read and after long reasoning this was agreed to and the paper was read accordingly, and this matter was refferrd to next Sederunt.

Adjourned to 4 *A. Merid.* Concluded with Prayer.

Sessio 3tia

June 17. *Horâ 4ta post merid. Sedt. post preces, qui Supra.*

Mr Nivin's affair was resumed, and it was moved yt he shoud withdraw, and he withdrew accordingly, and the Judgement of several members was asked as to the manner of trying and issueing this affair, and after reasoning it was moved and agreed to that the members who have taken offence at Mr Nivin's words utterd by him before the Synod or contained in his printed paper own'd by himself shall draw up in Writing the said matters or words that are offensive and present a draught of them at our next sederunt, and perticularly Mr Sam. Henery, Mr Gray. Mr William Boid, Mr McBride, Mr Thomas Kennedy, Mr Gilbert Kennedy are to meet as a Comittee to draw up said words in writing; but at the same time said members shall not be accounted for so doing as accusers of Mr Nivin or be precluded from giveing judgement in this affair. Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning—Concluded with Prayer.

June the 18th. *Horâ 9a Ante Merid post preces Sedert. &c.*

The Charge against Mr Nivin.

The Comittee appointed to draw up an account of the Matters that are offensive to many members of this Synod in Mr Nivin's printed paper, brought in a draught of said Matters which was read, and after reasoning, it was read again, and is in these words:—

"The following bren, Mrs Sam. Henery, Wm Gray, Thos Kennedy, Gilb. Kennedy, Rob. McBride, and Wm Boid who were appointed by this Synod to receive and draw up the Grounds of offence taken by many at several things contained in a printed letter of the Rev. Mr Thos Nivin's just now published and publickly ownd by him, directed to the Revd Mr Wm Smith, of Ballee; together with such other expressions as he dropt in defence of said Letter, do with concern, observe,

Articles against Mr Nivin.

1st That he gives us an account (p. 3) of an Affidavit made by William Hannington, Thos Kennedy, & Solomon McBride, in which said persons Depone that said Mr Nivin did positively say in or about December, 1723, that it is no blasphemy to say that Christ is not God,

the Genuineness of which deposition Mr Nivin freely acknowledged before the Synod, Wee beg leave to observe that said words are highly disshonourable to our great Redeemer, who with the Father and Holy Ghost is the one true God over all, blesed for ever and therefore a just Ground of offence to many.

2d Wee begg leave to observe that the evasion made in his letter (p. 5) vizt: that he only said it was no blasphemy in them, vizt. the Jews, to deny Christ to be God is utterly inconsistant with the truth of what is deposed by said persons, for if it be true that he only said it was no blasphemy in the Jews to deny Christ to be God, then the above proposition sworn by them cannot be true, vizt: that he said that it is no blasphemy to say that Christ is not God. For as he represents it, he limitted it expressly to the Jews, they swear that he expressed it indefinitely or universally, vizt: that it is no blasphemy to say Christ is not God, and consequently it is no blasphemy in any person whatsoever to say so which necessarily reduces us to that unhappy Dilemma vizt: either to question the truth of Mr Nivin's evasion, or to deny the veracity of sd 3 Deptts.

3ly We beg leave to observe that he makes a Distinction of Blasphemy into that which is condemned in Scripture and that which comes within the sphere of human Laws, and he asserts (p. 8) that what he said must be understood only of that sort and degree of blasphemy which justly comes within the sphere of human Laws. Now this to us seems inconsistant even with Mr Nivin's own evasion (p. 5) where are these words, 'that then it was urged, was it not blasphemy in them, vizt: the Jews, to deny Christ to be God,' to which, says Mr Nivin, I answered and no doubt, repeated it again, that it was no blasphemy in them to deny Christ to be God, which repeated assertion is delivered in such universal terms as does not admitt of such a restriction as is mentioned by Mr Nivin above; for if it was no blasphemy in the Jews, then, consequently, not that kind of blasphemy condemned in Scripture more than that sort of blasphemy which justly comes within the sphere of human Laws.

4ly Wee beg leave to observe that the words even as explained by him seems to us to sound harsh in pious ears, especially from a Gospill Minister.

5ly Wee beg leave to observe that tho' he owns (p. 10) he made a Confession of our Saviour's Deity before the General Synod, 1721—yet he says that for his part he is sorry that ever he gave way to it, and shall for the future take care that no temptation whatsoever shall make him venture so far again.

6ly We beg leave to observe that thro' the whole of this letter he speaks with what seems to us an unbecoming air not treating the important subject of conversation with that gravity and seriousness which becomes a Gospill Minister but contrary to the rules of the Gospill, offers railing and undecent expressions to his Majty's Justice of the peace (p. 9) as allso to the Gentlemen who upon oath had declared what had passed in Conversacon, between them; allso burlesqueing the Holy Scriptures (p. 6) in these words, "and vexed his righteous soul;" in fine, his ridicrous way of mentioning the Comon Confession of this Church, calling it by way of ridicule, "the darling Confession," all

which being published by himself to the world, if not resented by us, we cannot free ourselves from being partakers with him in his sin.

Then it was moved that the question be put, "Approve the diligence of the Comittee or not," and the question being put, it carried approve, *nemine contradicente*, but the Synod does not declare these Articles to be relevant till Mr Nivin be called to be heard upon them.

Mr Nivin demanded a Coppy of the above Draught that he may prepare for his defence: Mr William Boid is allowed to dictate said paper to him to which Mr Nivin agreed, and this affair is to be considered in the first place tomorrow morning.

Time and place of Next Synod.

The Next Meeting of this Synod is to be at Dungannon on the 3d Tuesday of June next; Sermon to begin at 5 of the Clock afternoon.

Whereas the Last General Synod appointed that the matter of offence between the preby of Derry and the congregacon of Taughboin shoud be considered in the first place at this Synod, the Synod therefore entred upon the consideration of that affair.

Taughboin.

From Taughboin appeared Mr John M'Clinto, Rob. Willson, &c., Comrs; these Comrs and the preby of London Derry were heard, and after reasoning, it was agreed that the preby of Derry and these Comrs together with a Comittee of the following Brethrn viz: Mr Jas Bruce, Mr Hutcheson, Mr Thos Kennedy, Mr Robt. McBride, and Capt. Henderson shall meet and conferr together upon this cause, and the above named Com̄ are to bring in an overture upon it to this Synod.

Adjourned to 5 *a merid*: Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 4ta

Die Jovis June the 18th, *Horâ* 5ta *A Merid. post preces, Sederunt, &c.*

These following bren. Mr Drumand, Mr. Vance, Mr William Holmes, and Mr Ball haveing been absent from Last Genl Synod gave account of the reasons of their absence, and are now excused.

Absts.

These following bren are absent from this Synod, and are excused for reasons now offered, vizt: Mr Alex. Hamilton, Mr Nath. Orr, Mr Davd Fairley, Mr And. Ferguson, Mr John Harvy, Senr, Mr Iredell, Mr Malcome, Mr Fraser, Mr Macquay, Mr Chas Wallace, Mr Moses Cherry, Mr John Willson, Mr John Campbell, Mr Victor Ferguson, Mr William Taylor, Senr, Mr Taylor, Junr, Mr Robt. Haltridge, Mr Jas Thompson.

These following Bren are absent, and are not excused, Mr Smith, Mr Dixson, Mr Jas Reed, Mr Brown.

Licensed.

Monaghan preby report that they have Licenced Mr John Hill and have Mr Wm Faires on 1st Tryals.

Ordained.

Colrain preby report that Mr John Mairs died June 25, 1723, and that they have ordained Mr John Orr, 8br 29, 1723.

Down preby have ordained Mr John Orr, Jan. the 6th, 1723/4, and have entered Mr John Gaudie on 1st Tryalls.

Belfast preby have ordained Mr Thos Craford, June the 10th, 1724, and Mr John Hasty, June the 11th, 1724.

Ardmagh Preby have Licensed Mr Geo. Cherry, and have Mr James Allin on 1st Tryalls.

Antrim preby have ordaind Mr Tim. White, August the 8th, 1723; and Mr Robt. McMaster, March the 10, 1723/4, and they report that Mr Gety died Feb. 27, 1723/4, and they have entered Mr Ja^s Ardis and Mr William Thomson on 1st Tryalls.

Strabane preby report that Mr Sam. Halyday Died in Feb. last, 1723/4.

The affair of Taughboin being resumed, the Comittee appointed to conferr with the preby of Derry and the Comrs from Taughboin brought in their overture on that affair, which was read, and the preby of Derry declared their satisfacon with that overture, as did also the Comrs from Taughboin.

Overture upon Taughboin Affair.

The Overture is in these words, "The Comittee appointed to confer with the Revd preby of Derry on the one side, the old congregacon of Taughboin on the other, haveing with great satisfacon heard the several parties give a narrative of their affair with a spirit of meekness, and discovering earnest desires to have their misunderstandings buried, the representatives from Taughboin declareing a concern that any of their members should have given offence to the Revd preby of Derry, and the preby of Derry on the other hand declare that notwithstanding they were ill-treated by some of that people they chearfully forgive the offence done them and withall never intended that their Minute concerning the irregularities which happened when they were assaulted by a mob, should be otherwise constructed than to bring these who have been irregular to a sence of their fault, which appears to us by their readiness to accept of a general Acknowledgment of the injury done them, and declareing their resolution to concurr with every demand which they apprehend might be for the advantage of that valueable congregation. Wee therefore humbly Overture that this Synod may not revive a Debate which the God of peace has mercifully inclined the hearts of the contending parties to reconcile, and we further Overture that the Congregacon of Taughboin having promised all suitable respect to their preby be exorted to subject themselves will all chearfullness, and our Revd bren of the preby, we hope, will readily concurr with every demand made by that congregacon, which may facilitate their comfortable settlement in an orderly way, and that no restraint be put on the inclinations of any who desire to continue their relation to the old Congregacon." After reasoning, the question was put, Aprove the above Overture or not, and it carried Approve. But it is not the intention of this Synod by this vote to do any prejudice to the newly-erected Congracon of Taughboin; and its further agreed that Mr McBride and Capt. Henderson shall write a letter to those on the North side of the Line in Taughboin to advise them to adhere to Mr Cornwall.

Agreed to

Mr Kirkpatrick protested against the vote approveing the above Overture, and desired that his protest may be entred into our records: and Mr Halyday, Mr Harper, Mr Michael Bruce, Mr Aberneathy, Mr Shaw, Mr Mairs, Mr Henderson, Mr Clugston, Mr Thoe Willson, Minrs and Coll. Brice, Capt. M'Cullagh, and Pat. Getty, Elders, joined in the protest.

Protest.

From the North side Congracon of Taughboin appeared Mr Ja^s Edminston, Comr supplicating that this Synod may confirm the sentance

of the preby of Derry in their favour in relation to the bounds and members of their congregacon: the Synod considered this supplicacon, and agreed to it.

Mr. Gray.

Inquiry was made whether the preby of Ardmagh have installed Mr Gray in Ushers Key, according to the appointment of Last Genl Synod: that preby replyed that there are some perticular circumstances in Mr Grays case which laid him under a necessity of desireing that that matter might be delayed, even tho' they had appointed the time of his installment. Mr Gray was called and made the same representation; allso a letter from the Congregacon of Ushers Key, desireing that Mr Gray may be installed as soon as conveniently may be, was read. The preby of Armagh are to proceed to install Mr Gray as soon as conveniently may be.

It was moved that a paper from the North Side congregacon of Taughboin which was read in this Synod last year, and whereof Mr Gray got the coppy may now be read: after long reasoning this was refferred.

Adjourned to 9 *mane*; Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 6ta.

Die Ven. Hora 9a *Ante Merid. post preces, Sederunt, &c.*

This Synod takeing into consideration the proposealls for printing the versions of the Psalms now used in this Church with proper tunes prefixed to the several Psalms, do recomend it to the sevll Members of this Synod to encourage said proposealls as much as they can.

Mrs Magachin.

This Synod considering the case of Mrs. Magachin, doth earnestly recommend it to the sevl prebys to pay the arrears of the 1s 6d per ann. from each minr due to Mr Magachin by the promise of this Synod for 2 years before he died, and this Synod allso recomends that 1s 6d from each minr be continued to Mrs Magachin for one year.

This Synod haveing appointed that the Complaint tabled against Mr Nivin should be considered in the first place this Sederunt, sent to call him, and he wrote to the Modr signifying that he is not ready as yett to make his defence, and desireing a little more time to prepare for it: this matter was refferred.

Paper from North Side of Taughboin

It was moved again that the paper from the North Side Congn of Taughboin should be read, and after reasoning, it was read accordingly, and sevl bren haveing spoke upon that affair, Mr Gray was heard, and the Synod haveing considered said paper, found nothing in that deserved the further cognizance of this Synod, and the question was put approve the above resolution or not, and it carried Approve by a great majority.

Protest.

Mr Mich. Bruce dissented from said vote and protested agst it, and Capt. M'Cullagh joined in that dissent and protestacon and they both desired a copy of said paper, and after reasoning, the question was put, give the protesters a copy of said paper or not, and it was moved by others that the question be put, Destroy said paper or not, and this state of the question being opposed, the previous question was put which of these questions shall be putt and it carried that the question shall be destroy the said paper or not and that question being put it carried destroy said paper by a great majority.

Mr Thomas McClain protested against said vote and Mr Aberneathy, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Hallyday, Mr Henderson, Mr Shaw, Mr Thomas Wilson, Mr Simson, Mr Mairs, Mr Harper, Coll. Brice, William McQuoid, Pat Getty, Sam Thompson, John Johnston joined in the protestacon. Protsst.

It was moved by some bren that whereas Mr Pat Simson takes a History in shorthand of what passes in this Synod that this practice is offencive to sevl brethrn that this Synod may consider this affair; this was refferred; adjourned to 5 *Amerid*, Concluded with prayer. Mr Simson.

Die Ven—June the 19th *Hora* 5ta *Amerid post preces Sedt &c.* Sessio 7ma

The Letter appointed to be written to the North Side Congn of Taugboin, was read and approven.

The motion made at Last Sedt that this Synod may consider Mr Simsons practice in takeing a History in shorthand of all that passes in this Synod was renewed sevl bren declared that it is offensive to them after long reasoning this matter was referred to a select Comittee. vizt Mr James Bruce, Mr Masterton, Mr Hutcheson, Mr Aberneathy, who are to bring in an overture upon it to-morrow morning. Adjourned to 8 *mane*—Concluded with prayer.

Die Sat June 20th *Hora* 8a *ante merid post preces Sedt &c.* Sessio 8a.

From the newly erected congregacon in Newton appeared Mr John Thomson, Mr John Wirling Commrs supplicating that this Synod may supply them for another year and that this Synod may appoint a Comittee finally to determine their settlement in case of an appeal the Synod considering their supplicacon appointed the Preby of Colrain to supply them the month of July by Mr John Cochran, and Mr William Boid, Letterkeny the month of August By Mr Lind, Derry the month of 7br by Mr John Thompson Strabane the month of 8br Monaghan 9br Ardmagh xbr by Mr Reid Tyrone January by Mr John Kennedy Antrim, February, Belfast March, Down Aprill and till the General Synod and in case any party happen to appeal in the matter of their settlemet the General Synods Fixt Comittee is finaly to Determine that cause. Newton.

From the Old Congregacon of Taughboin appeared James Moor Commr supplicating that this Synod may appoint them some supplys and that a Comittee may be appointed finaly to determine their settlemt, if their afairs shall require it. The Synod considering their supplication appointed Strabane Presbytery to supply them the month of July—Colrain the month of August, Letterkenny 7br, Tyrone 8br, Monaghan Aprill Ardmagh the month of May. And the Prby of Derry is to supply them the rest of the time till next General Synod and in case of an appeal upon their settlemt the General Synods fixt Comittee is finally to determine their cause. Taughboin

The Preby of Monaghan represented to this Synod that they had

Mr Sims.

loosed Mr Sims relacon to the congregacon of Ballyburrogh that he had recd a call from Carlo and that he cannot be settled in Carlo unless his relacon to this Synod be loosed, and that they had refferred this matter to this General Synod the Synod considering this affair the question was put, agree to Loose Mr Sims relacon to this Synod or not, and it carried agree.

Mr Nivin.

The Synod entring upon the consideracon of the complaint tabled against Mr Nivin, The charge drawn up against him by the Comittee appointed for that purpose was read and Mr Nivin read his answer to it and then the Synod agreed that the charge drawn up against Mr Nivin shall be read paragraph by paragraph and Mr Nivin's answer paragraph by paragraph allternately, and this Synod allows the Comittee who drew up the charge to be managers in this cause which shall not preclude them from Judgeing and voteing in it and Mr James Bruce and Mr Shannon are allowed to assist Mr Nivin in his defence which shall not preclude them from Judging in this cause and Mr Samuel Henery and Mr Vance are to get a coppy of Mr Nivin's ans^r against next Sed^t and Mr Nivin is to meet them at 3 in the afternoon.

Adjourned to 3 on Munday afternoon, concluded with prayer.

Sessio 9th.

Die lunae June 22 *Hora* 3*tia a merid post preces, Sed^t &c.*

Orderd that the sev^l Preby^s return the names of their members for the Genl Synod's fixt Comittee to next Sed^t.

The breth^n who were appointed to gett a coppy of Mr Nivin's answer report that they have not finished their coppy: they sett forth that Mr Nivin was indisposed on Saturday afternoon, and could not attend them. Ordered that they gett their coppy finished against next Sed^t and that it be lodged with the Cleark of this Synod: this affair was refferred to next Sed^t.

Synod Books Approven.

The revisers of the records of the Synod of Ardmagh report that they revised said records and do approve them, and so doth this Synod.

The revisers of the records of the Synod of Belfast report that that record is not filed up: orderd that said records be filled up.

The revisers of the records of the Synod of Derry report that they revised said records, and do approve them, and so doth this Synod.

This Synod agrees that the prebys of Augher and Longford continue united till this Synod see fitt to alter that appointment.

Monaghan preby Moywater.

The preby of Monaghan report that they appointed no supplies to Moywater; that people haveing made no applicacon to that preby, and that preby knew of no fund to suport the supplyers: this was refferred to the comittee of funds.

Mr Pat Bruce gave in his reasons for his Dissent from the Resolution of Last General Synod which are *in retentis.*

The Minutes of our Last Synod upon the Tryall of Coll. Upton's Apeal were all read: that affair is to be considered after Mr Nivin's Tryal is issued—Adjourned to 9 *mane,* conluded with prayer.

Sessio 10a

June 20th—*Die Mart. Hora* 9a *Ante Merid. post preces Sed^t &c.*

The sevl prebys returned their members for the General Synod's fixt Comittee as follows:—

For Monaghan preby, Mr Teat, Mr Eleming, Mr Hair, Mr Bond, and Mr John Willson Elder. For Down preby, Mr McAlpin, Mr Reid, Mr Dixon, and Mr Trail Elder. Tyrone preby, Mr Hugh Wallace, Mr Tomb, Mr Cochran, and Mr William Agnew, Elder. Letterkeny preby, Mr Robt Willson, Mr Linn, Mr Fairly, and Mr Laird, Elder. Derry, Mr Will. Cornwall, Mr Thos Harvy, Mr Strawbridge, and Alderman Macky Elder. Belfast, Mr And. Crawford, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Sinclar, and Mr Sam. Smith Elder. Ardmagh, Mr Hutcheson, Mr Gordon, Mr Mackay, and Mr Jas Johnston, Elder. Strawbane, Mr Maxwell, Mr Hemphill, and Davd Deny Elder. Antrim, Mr Leech, Mr Henderson, Mr Jas White and Coll. Upton Elder. Colrain, Mr Porter, Mr Boid, Mr McBride, and Mr Gawin Steel, Elder,—They are to be called by our Moderator to meet at Dungannon upon emergents—15 to be a quorum, 12 whereof to be minrs. General Synod's Comittee.

From a major part of Dromore congregacon appeared Robt. Hamilton, Thos Ingram, Comrs supplicating that they may be annexed to the preby of Down, and they offerred sevl reasons to support their supplication; and from a minor part of said congregacon appear'd Mr John Magill Comr supplicating that the congn of Dromore may not be annexed to the preby of Down, and offered sevl reasons to support his supplication—All papers from both parties were read as allso the minutes of the preby of Ardmagh, with correspondence, and all parties were fully heard and removed, and the Synod considered this case, and reasoned upon it for some time. then the question was put Annex the major part of the congregacon of Dromore to Down preby or not, and it carried not, by a great majority. Dromore.

Mr Mich. Bruce dissented from this vote, and desired that his dissent might be entered into our records, because he thinks that every Christian Congn has a Right to choose what Preby they will subject to as they think most for edificacon; and Mr Halyday and Capt. M'Cullagh joined in the Dissent. Dissent.

Adjourned to 3 afternoon—Concluded with prayer.

Die Mart. 23d *June, 3tia a. merid. post preces, Sedt &c.* Sessio 11.

The Synod entring upon the consideracon of the Complaint tabled against Mr Nivin, the 1st Article of the charge drawn up against him as above was read, and then Mr Nivin read some preliminary observacons, which he thought necesary to illustrate his defence, and then read his answer to the first Article of the charge; and the Comittee who were appointed to mannage in that affair made sevl replyes, and after long reasoning it was moved by Mr Nivin that the question be put whether the first Article relating to the Deposition be cognizeable by this Synod; but it being alledged that there is a conexion between the first and the 2d Articles, and that the Latter is adduced as a proof of the former, and that therefore it is necessary jointly to consider and vote these 2 branches of the charge, Mr Nivin upon this, dropt his mocon and consented to proceed to the 2d Article. Mr. Nivin's 1st Article.

Then the 2d Article of the Charge against Mr Nivin was read and Mr Nivin read his answer to it, and the members reasoned a considerable time upon this Article, and after both Mr Nivin and the managers 2d Article.

were fully heard, Mr Nivin ownd that said Articles are a sufficient ground of Process against him. It was moved that we refferr the further inquiry into the truth of the 2 first Articles and the tryall of them and the affid^{t} to the preby of Down, with such corresp^{ts} as this Synod shall appointe. Then it was moved that the question be put shall we approve the above mocon or not, but at the same time the Synod is not to be understood by putting the above question to preclude themselves from enquiring into the following Articles, and if there be any matter of offence in these 2 first Articles for which this Synod shall think Mr Nivin censurable at this time, this Synod is not to be understood by the above resolu^on to preclude themselves from proceeding thereupon : then the question was put, refer the 2 first Articles and affid^{t} as above limitted, or not, and it carried refferr : then it was moved that the question be put approve the above explicacon of the sence of the Synod upon the above resolucon or not, and it carried approve.

Adjouned to 9 *mane*—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 12. *June* 24$_{th}$—*Die Mer Hora* 9^{a} *Ante Merid. post preces, Sed^{t} &c.*

This Synod renewed the recomendacon in favour of James Henderson of Ardmagh.

3^{d} Article. Mr Nivin's affair was resumed, and the 3^{d} Article of the charge agt him was read, and he read his answer, and the managers made sev^{ll} replys and after long reasoning this was referred to next Sederunt.

Adjourned to 4 afternoon, concluded with prayer.

Sessio 13. *Die Mer. June* 24 : *Hora* 4ta, *A merid. post preces, sed^{t} &c.*

Mr Nivin's afair was resumed and he was heard again upon the 3^{d} Article and allso the Comittee appointed to mannage that affair were heard and after reasoning it was moved that the Synod come to this

3^{d} Article. resolution that this proposition refferrd to in the 3rd article of the charge against Mr Nivin, vizt. that its no blasphemy in the Jews to deny Christ to be God which is contained in the 5th p. of Mr Nivin's letter if understood universally or indefinitely is false ofensive and injurious to the honour of our blessed Lord and therefore is a sufficient ground of process against him, and Mr Nivin being removed the question was put, approve the above resolution or not, and it carried unanimously approve, then Mr Nivin was called and he having before the vote declared his sence of the above proposition and demanded that it might be entred into the records and the Synod haveing promised him liberty he declared his sence of the above proposition in the following words—

As I had not at the conversation maintained that proposition as some may understand it that denying Christ to be God was no sin nor error or not revileing our blessed Saviour so I had expressly declared against ye sense of it and limitted it so that all may see I only meant it of blasphemy as it is a crime punishable by the Civil Magistrate but in any other sense I did and do condem it as much as any member of this Synod, then the Synod came to this resolution that they do refferr

the further inquiry into and the trial of this article to the Preby of Down with such corresp^{ts} as this Synod shall appoint.

Then the fourth article ot the charge against Mr Nivin was read and he read his answer and the managers replyed and after long reasoning we agreed to adjourn to 9 *mane*, Concluded with prayer. 4th Article.

Die Jovis June 25th *Hora* 9 *ante merid post preces sed^{t} &c.* Sess 14.

Mr Nivin moved that his Tryall may now go on and it was moved by others that this Synod adjourn till 6 afternoon, this was agreed to —Concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis Hora 6ta A Merid post preces Sed^{t} &c. Sess 15.

The Synod resumed the consideration of Mr Nivin's affair and the 4th Art: of the charge against him was read and he read his answer to it and the Comittee replyed to his answer and this Article was reasoned upon for a considerable time. Mr Nivin offer'd that blasphemy comeing from the Jews in denying Christ to be God does not come within the sphear of human laws and upon a debate ariseing on Mr Nivin's explication of these words Mr Nivin said that abstracting from that very restriction that it is not blasphemy capitaly punishable which yett he thinks he had a right to insist on that even in the very explication which the Comittee agrees with him to be contained in that part of the letter vizt page 8 in these words that for a Jew to deny Christ to be God is not that sort and degree of Blasphemy which justly comes within the sphere of human laws by which he understands it is not punishable by the Magistrate.

A question was then offerred whether Mr Nivin's proposition as thus explained in the 8th page of his letter be a relev^{t} ground of process or not, allso another question was offred vizt whether the above proposition as explained by him in the eighth p. of his Letter contains just ground of offence or not that is sounds harsh in pious ears or not, then the previous question was put whether the first or the 2^{d} question shall be put and it carried that the 2^{d} question shall be put.

Then it was moved that the question be put whether that proposi- in the 8th page of Mr Nivin's letter vizt. that for the Jews to deny Christ to be God is not that sort of blasphemy which comes within the sphere of human laws contains just ground of offence that is sounds harsh in pious ears or not, then it was moved and agreed to, that we adjourn to 9 *mane*, Concluded with prayer.

Die Ven June 26 *Hora* 9^{a} *Ante Merid post preces Sed^{t} &c* Sess 16th.

Mr Nivin's affair was resumed and he was heard upon that state of the question which was carried at last Sed^{t} that it should be put and after reasoning it was moved that whereas the deciding the truth or falshood of the above proposition referred to in the question would lead us into a controversy concerning the extent of the magistrate's power

which is not proper for this Synod to determine, that we drop the further consideration of that 4th Article, and the question was put, drop or not, and it carried Drop.

5th Article.

Then the 5th Article of the complaint against Mr Nivin was read, and he read his answer, and the managers replyed, and after reasoning, it was moved by the managers that Mr Nivin shoud make a declaration of his belief of the Supreme Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and they alledged his makeing such a declareation woud be for the glory of God, the edification of this Church, and woud in a great measure remove the offence he had given. This motion was reasoned a long time, and Mr Nivin declined to comply with it: he alledged that to make any such declareation in his present circumstances when there is a process comenced against him, as if he had given ground for many to suspect and believe him to have entertained and vented the contrary error, would be to subject to an inquisitory method which appears to him repungnant to the essential rules of Equity to the discipline which Christ has Established in his Church, and to the usual and known method of issueing scandall in this and other Presbyterian Churchs, and that therefore in conscience he cannot comply with said demand being what he thinks directly sinfull.

Then the question was offerrd whether we think it our duty for the glory of God, the Edification of this Church, and Mr Nivin's own Vindication to require that Mr Nivin in his present circumstances shoud make a declareation of his belief in the supreme Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. Then another state of the question was offerred, whether the 5th Article contain relevant ground of process or not: and then it was moved that the previous question be put, which of these two questions shall be put, and the previous question being put, it carried that the first question shall be put, and the first question was put, vizt: whether we think it our duty for the glory of God, the edification of the church, and Mr Nivin's own Vindication to require Mr Nivin to make a declareation of his belief of the supreme Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and it carried in the affirmitive by a great majority.

Protests.

Mr Thos Shaw protested against the two last votes, and Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Aberneathy, Mr Hallyday, Mr Henderson, Mr Clugston, Mr Simpson, Mr Thos M'Clain, Mr Williamson, Mr Michæl Bruce, Mr Donaldson, Mr Harper, Mr Thos Willson, Ministers; and Coll. Brice, Mr Magee. Capt. M'Cullagh, and Pat. Getty, Elders, joyn'd in the protest and they reserve to themselves a liberty to give their reasons in due time.

Mr Nivin was then called, and the Moderator required him for the glory of God, the edification of this Church, and his own vindication to make a declareation of his belief of the supreme Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And Mr Nivin gave in his answer in these words: Before I went out, I declared it to be my judgemt that to make any such declareation in my present circumstances when I was under prosecution as if I maintained the contrary error was directly sinfull, I am still of the same

opinion, and therefore must utterly refuse to comply with what is now required of me, it being my absolute duty to obey God rather than man. But I hope this rev^{d} Synod will still remember that I proffessed that this was not from any disblief of that doctrine of the Supreme Deity of Christ.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon—Concluded with prayer.

Die Ven. June 26, *Hora* 5ta *a merid. post preces Sed^{t} &c.* Sessio 17th.

Many Members of this Synod moved that in regard Mr Nivin refused to make any declareation of his belief of the Supreme Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ that they have not freedom to sitt in Synod with him, or to be any further concerned in his tryall. Mr Nivin was heard, and after reasoning a question was offered, seeing Mr Nivin has refused to make a declareacon of his belief of the Supreme Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, when demanded by this Synod whether we of this Synod shall have any further ministerial comunion with him the said Mr Nivin, and proceed any further in his tryall or not, and the question being put, it carried not by a great majority. Mr Nivin

Mr Kirkpatrick dissented from and protested against this resolution, and desired that his dissent and protestacon may be entered into our records, and Mr Aberneathy, Mr Michael Bruce, Mr Hallyday, Mr Thos M'Clain, Mr Shaw, Mr Henderson, Mr Clugston, Mr Harper, Mr Simpson, Mr Donaldson, Mr Arch MacClain Junr, Ministers, and Coll. Brice, Capt. M'Cullagh, Pat. Getty and John Hawthorn, Elders, joined the Dissent and protestation; and they think themselves bound by the Laws of the Gospell to maintain ministerial comnuion with Mr Nivin, notwithstanding the resolution of this Synod, excluding him, which they look upon as unjust & unwarrantable because convicted of no scandall. Protest.

Mr Nivin was called, and the sentance of the Synod was intimated to him.

Mr Robt. McBride desired that his sence of the above vote may be entered into our records in the following words:—Altho' I had voted, I was not free to allow Mr Nivin to sitt in Synod who had declined to give a declareation of his belief of the supreme Deity of our blessed Redeemer, when demanded by this Synod to do it in a spirit of meekness, and under the awfull impressions of the fear of the Great God, yett my voice is not to be constructed as if I unministred all those who are of different sentiments from me in point of Church Government; for I allow the clergey of the Established Church and these of the independant thought to be min^{rs} of the Gospill, but do not think that these sev^{l} denominations of min^{rs} could probably, during their conscientious diff^{rt} sentiments in point of Church Government rule the Church of God together to God's glory, and the edificacon of souls: and many other breth^{n} declared themselves to be of the same sentm^{ts} with Mr Macbride in this point.

The Defendants in the cause depending before this Synod wherein Coll. Upton is prosecutor, moved that their Tryall might now go on,

and be issued and that if the Prosecutor did not appear, he might be dismissed, and the Defendants acquitted. A Letter of excuse from Coll. Upton was read wherein he represents that he could not possibly attend this Synod, the Defend^{ts} were heard and removed; and the Synod, considering that this is an affair of great importance, and that the members of this Synod are now generaly gon away, and that we have no time to manage that cause at present, therefore this Synod resolves that we cannot enter upon the consideration of this affair at this time, and the question was put, Approve the above resoluton or not, and it carried Aprove.

Minutes being read,

Concluded with prayer.

WILL. MACKAY, C.S.G.

A General Synod at Dnngannon, June 15, 1725.

The Rev. Mr James Teath, Mod^{r} to the former Synod opened this Synod by preaching from Jer. III. 15, and constituded the Synod by prayer, and the roll being called, Sed^{t}:—

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Down Preby.		Armagh.	
Jo^{n} Stirling, Mod.		John Hutcheson	Mr Brown
James Bruce	Thos Crooks	John Wilson	
John Gaudie	Jon. Bryson	Geo. Lang	Jo^{n} Smith
Henry Hamilton	Thos Mulligan	Gilbert Kennedy	Rob. M'Calman
James M'Alpin	Will. Reid	Jam. Fleming	Will. Acheson
Fran. Mongomery	Jon. James	Rob. Rainey	Jo^{n} Paterson
Nath Orr	Jon. Fraser	James Johnson	Jon. Fysher
Jo^{n} Orr	Jon. Mairs	Will. Mackay	Jon. Tod
		Jam. Moor	Jon. Irwin
Tyrone.		Rob. Gordon	Mr Moor
		Hugh Henry	Jo^{n} Hill
Henry Crooks	Henry Espy	Arch. Maclain Junr	
Tho. Kennedy	M^{r} M'Mullan	Jon. Menoch	M^{r} M'Cleland
Tho. Mulligan	Will. Fleming		
David Tomb	Jam. Campbell	Strabane.	
Hugh Wallace	Jon. Campbell		
Jon. Kennedy	Will. Ker	Jon. Ball	Geo. King
Nath. Cochran	Jam. Stirling	Nehem. Donaldson	Jas. Hemphill
Jam. Dykes	Edward Adams	Jos. Hemphill	Will. Mc Dowel
Robt. Stewart	Alex. Thomson		
James Orr	John Nicolson	Antrim.	
	Thos Gilpin		
		Alex. Brown	Jon. Mongomery

Ministers.	Elders.
Letterkeny.	
Saml Henry	Rob. Gorrel
Saml Dunlop	James Paterson
Rob. Wilson	Mr Stewart
Fran. Laird	Mr Thomson
David Fairley	
James Cochran	Will. Adams
Jon. Homes	Moses Mc Intyre
Derry.	
Thomas Winsley	Rob. Wilson
Will. Boyd	Mr Scot
Thos Harvey	
Samuel Ross	
Ninian Cochran	
And. Ferguson Junr	
Belfast.	
And. Craford	John Linsey
Jam. Kirkpatrick	Jo^{n} Ferguson
Char. Mastertown	Mr Saml Smith
Jam. Cobham	Jo^{n} Hasty
John Riddel	Will. Magill
Saml Halyday	James Smith
Char. Seaton	Jam. Clagharty
Tho. Macquay	Mr Mc Intyre
Jam. Stuart	Will. Bell
Michael Bruce	Mr Sinclair
Pat Bruce	Thos Boyle
James Fraser	
Tho. Crawford	
Jon. Hasty	
Monaghan.	
Bapt. Boid	Thos Harvey
Jam. Teath	Dav^{d} Beaty
Alex. Fleming	Elias Rutherford
Will. Hair	Mr Johnston
Robt. Thomson	Jam. Campbell
Pat. Plunket	Alex. Wadsworth
Alex. Hamilton	Adam Henry
Thos M'Clain	Thos Johnston

Ministers.	Elders.
Antrim.	
Jon. Aberneathy	Arch^{d} Brown
Will. Livingston	Tho. Parker
James Creightown	Sam Park
Tho. Shaw	Jam. Hill
Tho. Wilson	Jo^{n} Tagart
Jo^{n} Henderson	
Tim. White	
Rob. Mc Master	
Coleraine.	
Math. Clerk	Arch^{d} Stewart
Rob. Haltridge	Fergus Smith
Henry Neil	John Wilson
Saml Dunlop	Mr Dunlop
Rob Higginbottom	Jo^{n} Mc Ga
Rob. Mc Bride	Rob. Givin
Jo^{n} Cochran	Mr Gawin Steele
Thos Cobham	John Stirling
James Thomson	Mr Murray
Rob. Knox	John Mc Roberts
Jo^{n} Eldar	Willam Dunlop
John Orr	Geo. Meek
Sam. Irwin	John Cullon
Sam. Hemphill	And. Paterson
And. Dean	Hen. Cook
Will. Patton	Capt. Wilson
Jo^{n} Carlisle	Mr Dennison
Jam. Bond	Mr Donaldson
Nat^{h} Glasgow	
Jo^{n} Algeo	

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Mr Alex^{r} M'Crackan Senr Richd Colston Elder.

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The former Mod^{r} desireing that a new Mod^{r} may be chosen a Leet of the following Bretheren was proposed, that one of them may be chosen Mod^{r} to this Synod, vizt Mr Crooks, Mr Gaudie, Mr Saml Henry, Mr Humphrey Thomson, Mr Math. Clerk, Mr Jam. Fleming Mr John Stirling, Mr Will. Livingstone, Mr Thos Winsley; and these Bretheren being heard and removed, and the vote put, Mr Stirling was chosen Mod^{r} by plurality of voices, and this Synod unanimously agreed to continue Mr Mackay Clerk, and Mr Geo. Lang is to assist him. Mod^{r} Chosen. Clerk.

For the more orderly manageing the affairs to be laid before this Synod, it was moved and agreed to that the several Presbys shall return the names of their members of the several Committees vizt of Overtures, Bills, for reviseing the Synod books and for the fund to next Sederunt.

It was moved and agreed to that all the members of this Synod meet here for prayer at 8 of the clock to-morrow morning and continue in prayer till 10 of the Clock. Adjourued to 10 *mane*. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 2^{d}.

Die Mer. June 16 *Hora* 10 *Ante Merid Sed^{t} qui supra.*

The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

The several prebys returned the names of their members for the several Committees, the times of their meeting are appointed afterwards.

Absents Excused.

These following Bretheren are absent from this Synod and are excused for reasons now offered vizt Mr William Smith, Mr Thomas Elder, Mr John Mairs, M^{r} McClure, Mr Drumond, Mr Laird, Mr Vance, Mr And. Ferguson Senr. Mr John Harvey Senr, Mr Malcom, Mr Robert Sinclalr, Mr Arch^{d} McClain Senr, Mr Charles Wallace, Mr Cherry, Mr Victor Ferguson, Mr Isaac Taylor, Mr William Taylor Senr, Mr James White, Mr John Porter, and Mr Robert Coltheart.

Not excused.

These following Bretheren being absent are not excused, vizt Mes^{rs} Hugh Williamson, David Fairley, James Wallace, Major Murray, William Cuningham, Thomas Strawbridge, Francis Iredell, Robert Craighead, Patrick Simson, William Homes, James Maxwel, Alex. M'Crackan, Junr, Will Leech, And. Dean.

Ordained.

The Preby of Monaghan report that they have ordained Mr Jon. Algeo on the 2nd of June 1725 and that they have entered Mr Math. Chambers on 2nd tryals and that they have licensed Mr Will Fairis, and have Mr William Sloan and Mr John Gibson on first tryals.

The Presby of Down report that they have entered Mr John McMurray on 2nd tryals and that they have Mr John Gaudie Junr on 1st tryals.

Died.

Armagh Presby report that Mr John Campbell died June 3, 1724, and that they have entered Mr Geo. Cherry on 2nd tryals and that they have licensed Mr James Allen and have installed Mr Gray in Usher's Key.

Antrim Presby have licensed Mr James Ardys and they intend to enter Mr John Moorhead on 1st tryals.

Strabane Presby have on 1st tryals Mr Jo^{n} Homes, and Mr Robert Cuningham.

Derry Presby report that they have ordained Mr And. Ferguson Junr on the 16th of February 1724/5 and have entered Mr David Harvey on first tryals.

Dead.

Tyrowen Presby report that Mr Alex^{r} Moor dyed July 8th 1724 and that they have entered Mr John Mowat on first tryals.

Belfast Presby have entered on first tryals Mr Robt. Thomson and Mr James Dalrimple.

The clerks of the several Presbys are to collect 5s. 6d. from each minister for Mrs Magachin, Mr Rainey is to collect from Armagh. Charity.

The several Presbys are to return the names of their members for the general Synods fixt Committee to next Sedt.

The next meeting of this General Synod is to be at Dunganon on the third Tuesday of June next, sermon is to begin at 5 afternoon. Adjourned to 5 *a merid*: concluded with prayer. Time and place of next Synod.

Die. Mer June 16, *Hord* 5*ta a merid. post preces Sedt &c.* Sessio 3tia

The Minutes of this Synod's Committe which met at Dunganon in March upon an appeal from the Presby of Colerain to said Comm. were read.

The Presby of Derry report that they have installed Mr Will. Boid in Taughboin on the 25 of April last.

The reasons of a protestation offered against Mr Nivin's exclusion from ministeral communion mentioned in the minutes of last Sederunt of the Synod wh met in Dungannon in June 1724 were presented to this Synod by the Clerk; they are *in retentis*

From Turbet appeared Adam Henry, Comr, supplicating that this Synod may fall upon some proper expedient for supporting their minister: he setts forth that Mr Thomson their minister had given in his dimission on account of the discouragement he labors under thro' dificiency of the fund. Mr Thomson's dimission was read, and this matter was referr'd. Turbet.

From Narrowater appeared John Smith Comr: he setts forth the sinking state of that congrn. particularly that they are not able to pay one half of the Quota they promised to their minister. This was referred. Narrowater

From Newtown appeared Mr John Thomson &c Comrs supplicating that this Synod woud allow them monethly supplies till next General Synod. And in case they call a minr and any party concerned enter an appeal from the sentence that may be given in that cause, they supplicate that the General Synod's fixt Comm. may be impowered finally to determine that cause. The Synod considered their supplication and granted both parts of it. Their supplies are to be named afterwards. Newtown.

From a newly erected congn at Combar appeared Mr Alex. Mongomery, Jam. Paterson &c, Comrs supplicating that this Synod woud appoint them monethly supplies till next General Synod. The Synod granted their supplication: their supplyers are to be named afterwards. Combar.

Synod Books revised.

The Revisers of the records of the Synod of Derry report that they revised s^d records, and do approve them, and so doth this Synod.

The Revisers of the records of the Synod of Belfast do report that the minutes of that Synod were produced to them in a loose paper, and that they could not approve the conduct of that Synod. Their minutes were read, and the case was referred to the Comm. of overtures. Adjourned to 8 to-morrow morning—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 4th.

Die Jovis, June 17 *Horâ* 8^a *Ante Merid Post Preces Sed^t &c.*

The several Presbys returned the names of their members for the General Synod's fixt Comm as follows.

General Synods fixt Comm^ee

For Down Mr Biggar, Mr Nathan^l Or, Mr John O^r, and Mr Hugh Wallace Elder. Tyrowen Mr Mulligan, Mr Dykes, Mr James Or, & James McMillan, Elder. Letterkeny Mr Fairley Mr Vannce, and Mr John Laird Elder.

Derry, Mr Stirling, Mr Will Boid, Mr Cuningham & Mr Rob. Wilson Elder.

Belfast, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Sinclair, Mr And^w Crawford & Mr Jo^n Ferguson Elder.

Armagh, Mr Hutchison, Mr Jam. Johnston, Mr Mackay & Mr Jam. Johnston Elder.

Strabane, Mr Jam. Maxwel, Mr Jos. Hemphill, and John Roger Elder.

Antrim, Mr Leech, Mr Henderson, Mr Jam. White & Capt. M'Cullogh Elder.

Colerain, Mr Jon. Cochran, Mr Thos Cobham, Mr John Or & Mr Gawin Steel Elder.

Monaghan, Mr Hum. Thomson, Mr Alex^r Fleming, Mr Irwin & Mr Scot Elder.

They are to be called by the Mod^r upon Emergents to meet at Dungannon fifteen to be a quoroum 12 whereof to be min^rs

Monyrea.

A Reference from the Presby of Down of the affair of Monyrea depending before that Presby (their minutes upon that affair being read) came orderly before this Synod. And from Monyrea appeared Mr Black, Mr Jam. Or, &c. Comm^rs supplicating that the Rev. Mr Alexander Hamilton may be settled among them as their min^r.

And from another part of s^d congr^n appeared Mr Robert Kyle &c Com^rs, they sett forth that a great number of their congr^n who are considerable for their figure and interest are not willing to submit to Mr Hamilton's ministery and they earnestly supplicate that the design of calling Mr Hamilton may be dropt.

All parties were fully heard and removed and after reasoning it was moved and agreed to that Mr Teath, M^r McBride, Mr Kennedy and Capt Wilson go out and converse with Mr Kyle and to treat with him to fall in with the majority & in case they cannot prevail with Mr Kyle they are to converse with Cap^tn Hanningtown and to treat with him and his party to drop their design of calling Mr Hamiltoun, that so both parties

Monyrea.

may unite in a third person and in that case, the Synod will take care to supply them for some time and this Comm. are to frame an overture upon this affair and to lay it before this Synod.

Mr. Jam. M'Creight a Probationer having produced his testimonials and an extract of his License from the Presby of Dumfries in North Brittain before the Rev. Synod of Derry which that Synod approved as they now represent, any Presby within our bounds is allowed to imploy him. Mr M'Creight.

A supplication from Mr Saml Hemphill was read wherein he setts forth the great deficiency of the fund promised to that congrn this was referred to the Comm. of Overtures.

The Synod appointed the following supplies for the new Congrn of Combar vizt Armagh Presby is to supply them the month of July, by Mr Jam. Moor Derry the month of August, by Mr John Thomson Down for September, Letterkenny for October by Mr William Blair Tyrowen for Novr by Mr William Dick Coleraine December, Antrim January, Belfast for February, Monaghan for March by Mr Jam. Hamilton Strabane for April, Monaghan for May, by Mr Robert Thomson. Combar supplies.

Newtown to be supplied in the following manner vizt by Mr Samuel Henry the last Sabbath of June, Derry the Month of July by Mr Hugh Thomson, Colerain for August, Antrim for September by Mr Thomas Creightown, Derry October by Mr John Cochran, Belfast November, Armagh December, Down January, Antrim February, Monaghan March by Mr Samuel Hemphill, Tyrowen April by Mr William Rae, Strabane for May, Letterkenny till the Genl Synod. Newton supplies.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon—Concluded with prayer.

Die Jov. Horâ, 5ta a merid post preces, Sedt &c. Sessio 5ta.

The Comm. appointed to confer with Mr Kyle and Captn Hannington, both of Monyrea, brought in their overtures upon that affair, which was read and after reasoning it was read again, and is in these words: "We who were appointed to converse wh the several parties concerning the affairs of Moneyrea, haveing used what diligence we were capable of in that matter, do find both parties so fixed in their own opinion that that there is no ground to expect any complyance with one another: the Lesser party will not yield to Mr Hamilton's settlement there, the greater party are constantly and unanimously resolved to have him settled among them, and do promise undenyable security for £30 ℔ ann. with turf and oats, and Capt Hannington promiseth three pounds ℔ ann. over and above sd thirty pounds during his own life and will settle said three pounds ℔ ann. on the congn for ever. So that upon the whole, we humbly overture that this Synod may give orders to the preby of Down that a call may be drawn up and presented by that people to Mr Hamilton whom they so earnestly desire, (provided they give satisfactory security to the preby of Down for their quota) that Mr Hamilton may be settled among them with all convenient speed, and that such of the lesser party who can- Monyrea.

not join in that settlement may have liberty to join when they think fit with the concurrence of the preby of Down." This overture was voted and approven.

Urnie.

A supplication from part of the cong^{n} of Urnie was read, setting forth that a part of their people have greatly injured their cong^{n} by building a new Meeting House at some distance from the old meeting house; and that if they be suffered to go on in building said new house, it will be very prejudicial to Mr Homes his settlement among them. The Synod considering this case, agreed to refer it to the preby of Strabane with these correspondents vizt. from Derry preby, Mr John Harvey, Mr Major Murray, and from Letterkenny preby Mr Laird, and Mr Fairley, each correspondent to bring an Elder with him. They are to meet on the first Tuesday of July next.

Adjourned to 9 in the morning—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 6ta.

Die Ven. Horâ, 9^{a} ante merid. post preces, Sed^{t} &c.

Fast.

An overture was brought in by the Comm. of Overtures that a fast day shall be observed by all the cong^{ns} within the bounds of this Synod on the first Wednesday of August next. This the Synod agreed to and appointed Mr Jam. Bruce, Mr Hutcheson, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Livingston, Mr Teath, and M^{r} McBride to prepare a draught of the causes of the fast, and to lay it before this Synod.

An overture from the Comm. of overtures was brought in to the Synod that all persons who have any of the records of this Synod in their hands, shall transmitt to our clerk: agreed to.

Subscribers and Non Subscribers to meet by themselves.

An overture from the Comm. of Overtures was brought in in these words. This Comm. having the peace of this Church very much at heart, and being concerned for our lamentable divisions, do humble overture that this Synod do agree to appoint longer adjournments than usual, that the subscribing Bretheren and their elders, and the non subscribing Bretheren and their elders may each of them meet by themselves to consider and condescend upon such expedients as may tend to heal the divisions of this Church, and preserve the peace thereof. This overture was reasoned upon for some time, and then a question was offered, approve this overture or not? and the question being put, it carried approve, by a great majority, and in pursuance hereof it was moved and agreed to that after this session is ended, this Synod shall adjourn to 9 tomorrow morning.

Drumore.

From Drumore appeared Robert Hamilton John Beard &c Comm^{rs} prosecuting an appeal from a sentence of the Synod of Armagh in relation to their settlement with Mr Colvill. the minutes of the Synod of Armagh upon that affair were read and it was moved by the Synod of Armagh that a question be put to these Commr^{s} whether they will subject themselves to the judgment of this Synod in the determination of their affair or not? parties were heard and removed and after reasoning the following vote was put shall this Synod proceed to examine the affair of Drumore without putting the above question or not? and it carried not proceed without putting the above question from w^{h} vote Mr Abernethy, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Shaw Mr Halyday, M^{r}

Henderson, Mr Higginbothom Mr Thos Wilson, dissented. The Commrs were then called and the above question was put to them by the Moderator and they gave in their answer in writeing in the following words :—" All subjection from an implicit faith to any assemblie or " Church Judicatorie being contrary to the Holy Scriptures, to the " rights of Christians and Protestants to our Excellent confession of " faith which saith that no Synods or Councills sho'd be made the rule " of faith or practice but to be used as an help in both that God alone " is the Lord of Conscience and hath left it free from the doctrines and " commandments of men which are in anything contrary to his word or " beside it in matters of faith or worship and that the requireing an im- " plicit faith and an absolute blind obedience is to destroy liberty of " conscience and reason also we can by no means promise it without " counteracting all these nor can we allow ourselves to think that you " will require it of us, all therefore we can comply with is that as " far as we are concerned we will pay all due regard to the determina- " tions of the Judicatories of Jesus Christ and will with all impartiality " and seriousness consider the Arguments offered by you to enlighten " our Judgments in this affair, will be subject to you in all things law- " ful, that is in all things consistent with the rights of Christian people " to elect their own pastors and we will do all we can for the preserva- " tion of the peace order and just authority of this Church " Subscribed by the Commrs Subscribing Robt Hamilton John Beard Adam Keatley, Jam. Ker, Geo. Woods.

Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning—Concleded wh prayer.

Die Saturni June 19 *Hord* 9 *Ante Merid post preces Sedt &c.* Sessio 7ma

The affair of Dromore being resumed Capt John Magill &c. Commissioners from the minor party of Drumore congregation presented a supplication earnestly desiring that Mr Colvill may not be settled in Drumore for that it is against their consciences to submitt to his ministry. The Commissioners from Drumore were removed as also the Synod of Ardmagh, and the Synod considered this affair, it was moved by some that the Synod should enter upon the discussing the appeal of Drumore from the Sub Synod of Ardmagh first, and it was moved by others that the Synod ought to consider Mr Colvills and the people of Drumore's conduct first and after reasoning the following vote was put shall we enter upon the discussing the appeal of Dromore or upon Mr Colvill's and the people of Dromore's conduct first and it carried enter upon the consideration of Mr Colvill's and the people of Dromore's conduct first. This affair is referred to Tuesday morning next at 9 of the clock and parties being called this minute was read unto them and Mr Colvill and the Commrs of Dromore were desired to attend at said hour.

Drumore.

Mr Colvill.

It was moved that the reasons influencing the Synod to come to this resolution might be inserted in our records and Mr Masterton, Mr Liviston and Mr Boyde, are to draw them up in writing.

Mr James Orr from the congregation of new Cumber supplicated this Synod for advice how they may have Justice done them in a peaceable way with respect to their share of the Meeting-house of

Cumber.

Cumber, which they claim as their right; parties were heard and removed, and after reasoning this Synod agreed to advise them to end the matter in the most peaceable way possible among themselves.

Belturbit. The affair of Belturbitt was resumed and parties were heard and removed, and after reasoning, the vote was put, shall we accept of Mr Thomson's dimission or not, and it carried accept, *nemine contradicente*, and all the prebys that are indebted to Mr Thomson are appointed to pay their arrears due to him as soon as possible, and it is further agreed that the congregation of Turbett shall have ten pounds ℔ ann. out of the fund during their vacancy, and their whole proportion when settled, and this is to be paid by their own preby.

Plunket Street The Revd Mr Thomas Maquay made the following desire in the name of the Conggregation of Plunket Street, viz: that the Synod may allow them such supplies from our several Prebys as they shall from time totime desire, till next general Synod, and particularly that Mr Sam. Dunlop of Letterkenny be appointed to supply that congregation 6 weeks as soon as possibly he can, and that for the future that the congregation of Plunket Street be adjoynd to, and be under the care of the preby of Monaghan, as they were formerly under the care of the preby of Belfast. The Synod unanimously agreed to grant their desire in all these particulars.

Adjourned to Monday next at 3 in the afternoon: Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 8a *Die Lunæ, Jun:* 21, *Horâ 3tia a meridie post preces—Sedt &c.*

The Committee appointed to bring in a draught of the fast not having prepared their draught are appointed to bring it in to next Sedt.

Adjourned to 9 tomorrow morning: Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 9a *Die Martis, Horâ June* 22, 9 *ante merid. post preces; Sedt &c.*

The people of Drumore not being here, that cause is referred.

Mr Robt Wilson. Mr Robert Wilson of Stranorlar presented a supplication, setting forth his necessitous circumstances, and praying that the Synod would order punctual payment of the fund allowed him, and that those congregations who have not collected for his use, according to the appointment of this Synod, may be ordered speedily to collect for him. The Synod considered this case and appointed all congregations who have not collected for Mr Wilson and Mr M'Crackan, speedly to make said collection, with previous intimation the Sabbath before.

Charity.

The Synod considering the necessitous case of Jane Smith and Mary McKee, Widows in Belfast, do recommend them to the charity of the several Sessions within the bounds of this Synod.

The Committee appointed to prepare a draught of the causes of the fast, brought in their draught, which was read and approven.

The Synod considering the distressed condition of Oliver White do recommend him to the several congns within our bounds.

From Clontubrit appeared Geo. Meek &c Com^ns supplicateing for an erection at Clontubrit. They set forth that they will give £27 ℔ ann. and 30 Barrels of Oats to a min^r and from Monaghan appeared Will. McMoran desireing that that matter may be referred in regard their min^r is absent, and that they had not timely notice. It was moved that the Synod wo'd refer this cause either to a select Committee or to the Presby of Monaghan with correspondents, after reasoning the question was put, shall we refer this cause to a select Comm, or to the Presby of Monaghan with correspondents? and it carried that it be referred to a Select Comm. and the Presby returned the following mininisters and Elders to be members vizt Mr Dickson, Mr Mongomery, Hugh Dickson Elder Mr Mulligan, Mr Nathl Cochran, Mr James Or, and Hugh Bigham Elder Mr Fairley, Mr Lind, and Capt Henderson Elder Mr Ninian Cochran, Mr And. Ferguson Junr and Mr William Baird, Elder Mr Harper Mr Fraser, and M^r McTeer Elder, Mr Hutchison Mr Rainey, Mr Johnston, and Mr Quintin Scot, Elder, Mr Joseph Hemphill Mr Donaldson, Mr Isaac Taylor and William Cook Elder, Mr Alexander Brown, Mr Joseph Clugston, Mr Robert Wilson Elder, Mr Higginbothom Mr Fran Ross, and Robert Givin Elder Mr Bapt. Boid, Mr Humph. Thomson, Mr Samuel Irwin and Mr Francis Scot Elder, this Comm. is to meet at Monaghan the last Wednesday of July at 11 of the Clock finally to determine that affair 14 to be a quorum 10 whereof to be ministers. Clontubrit.

A supplication from the cong^n of Vinicash, was read setting forth the weakness of that Cong^n & the necessity of their having the fund formerly allowed them continued them during their vacancy and that it may be placed on the Presby of Armagh as formerly the Synod considering their case agreed to continue their former proportion of the fund vizt £9 ℔ annum dureing their vacancy and that the said fund be paid by the Preby of Armagh, & by the same cong^ns which formerly paid it except Newry instead whereof Donoghlony is to pay to Vinicash. Vinicash.

This Synod allows Moywater to be under the care of the Preby of Armagh. Moywater.

Adjourned to 4 afternoon concluded with prayer.

Die Mart Hor 4ta a merid. post preces Sed^t &c. Sessio 10ma

The Synod considering the distressed case of Jam. Wilson do recommend him to the Charity of the several Sessions within our bounds.

The Bretheren who were appointed to draw up the reasons which influenced the Synod to come to a resolution to try Mr Colvill's and the people of Drumore's conduct first brought in their draught in these words —The Synod considering that the Subject matter of the appeal is virtually issued by Mr Colvill's ordination in an irregular way and that the reasons of the appeal were not given in to the Synod of Armagh in due time and that they are of such length that the Synod of Armagh could not peruse them since our present meeting and finally that the Synod of Armagh observed that in as far as they had an opportunity to read these reasons they tend to inflame our present debates therefore the Synod came to the above resolution to try Mr Colvill's and the people of Drumore's conduct first.

Drumore.

The affair of Drumore being resumed these Commr^s appeared vizt John Beard and Adam Heatly they moved in name of their cong^ra that this Synod would consider their appeal first, and so resume our vote past on Saturday last these Commr^s being removed it was moved by some that we sho'd resume the said vote and then the Synod of Armagh was removed, and the vote being put resume the sd vote or not? it carryd not resume by a great majority then the parties were called and these Commr^rs moved again that their appeal and the reasons of it might be considered first, the Synod considered this motion and came to the following resolution that we can see no reason to stop our proceeding to consider Mr Colvill's and the people of Drumore's conduct first. Then Mr Colvill was called but he did not appear but the above named Comm^rs appeared and gave in a declinature and desired that it might be entered into our Records, they also desired a dismiss in name of their cong^ra from this General Synod and from all the Synods and Presbys subordinate to it the Synod considered this case and reasoned upon it for some time and then a question was put, shall we grant them a dismiss or not? and it carried not by a great majority.

Adjourned to 10 to-morrow morning concluded wh prayer.

Sessio 11ma

Die Merc. June 23 *Hor* 10 *Ante Merid post preces Sed^t &c.*

The affair of Drumore was resumed and Mr Colvill was called but did not appear and the Synod came to consider his case, and after reasoning it was moved that the question be put, whether this Synod have sufficient ground to proceed to consider Mr Colvill's conduct or not? and the question being put it carryed that there is sufficient ground to proceed upon the examination of Mr Colvill's conduct meantime it was moved and agreed to that M^rM'Calpin and Mr Hemphill go out and converse with the Commissioners from Drumore & to endeavour bring them to a sense of their duty, and to acquaint them that the Synod would allow them the use of the reasons of their appeal to justify themselves; and these brethern being returned report that unless this Synod would formally try their appeal and hear all the reasons of it as such, these Comm^rs would condescend to nothing. Then the Synod proceeded to consider Mr Colvill's conduct and reasoned upon it for some time, and a minute of the Presby of Ardmagh upon Mr Colvill's affair was read, by which it had appeared that Mr Colvill had produced to that Presby Certificates form some ministers in London, giving an Account that the said ministers had ordained him, and that Mr Colvill had desired to be received as a member of that Presby, and that that Presby had refused to receive him as a member because that Mr Colvill had contrary to his promise of Subjection to that Presby, and even when his cause was depending betore the Judicatories of this Church without their knowledge, or consent, or any certificate from them withdrawn himself from under their conduct, and contrary to the rules of our Church upon Certificates obtained in an irregular manner, had obtained ordination in London, that Presby also reports, that ever since his return from London he exerciseth his ministry in Drumore a vacant congregation under their inspection without their consent, or appoint-

Mr Colvill.

ment and without having produced his Certificates before any of our Synods as our rules direct. After long reasoning a question was offered, shall we declare Mr Colvill not to be of our communion and to be incabable of any settlement in any Congregation belonging to this Synod till he be received in an orderly way or not? and then another question was offered shall we suspend or depose Mr Colvill, or not? and a debate arising it was moved that the previous question be put which of these questions shall be put? the previous question being put it carried that the second question shall be put.

Mr Aberneathy, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Michael Bruce, Mr Shaw, Mr John Elder, Mr Archibald Maclain Junr, Mr John Orr, Ministers and Mr Samuel McTeer dissented from and protested against the above resolution in their own namas, and in the name of all who shall adhere to their dissent, and pretestation, because the puting the second question referred to in the sd resolutions as they apprehend is an exercising a power over a minister of the Gospel, not subject to this Synod, having not been as yet received into our Synodical association, or into any Presby, or Sub Synod subordinate to it, in contradiction to a publick and solemn declaration of this Church made in opposition to our being chargeable with the claim, or exercise of any such Jurisdiction with these aggravating circumstances of his having not been duly warned to stand his tryal, having no accusation regularly formed against him, being condemned unheard, and censured against the Essential Rules of Natural Equity and of Christian Discipline settled by the invariable Laws of the Gospel, and for other reasons to be given in due time for the preparation whereof they demand as their right that the Clerk of this Synod be obliged to give them with all convenient speed, the copies of all the minutes and papers in his hand which have a necessary relation to this affair. Dissent & protest. Reasons of the dissent.

Then the question was put shall we suspend Mr Colvill or depose him, and it carried suspend him, and he is hereby suspended accordingly. Mr Colvill suspended.

Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Shaw, Mr Michael Bruce, Mr Abernethy, Mr John Orr pursuant to the protestation entered agt the preceding resolution which determines the Question (suspend or depose Mr Colvill) to be put, do also protest against this resolution to suspend him, as being a censure inflicted on a person who is in their opinion, not subject to the authority of this Synod, and in other respects contrary to the rules of Justice and our discipline, and therefore a censure in itself null and void, reserving to themselves liberty to add further reasons of their protestations in due time. Protest.

Adjourned to 6 afternoon: concluded with prayer.

Die Mer. June 23, *Hora 6ta a merid. post preces, Sedt &c.* Sessio 12ma

The Synod resumed the consideration of Mr Colvill's case, and it was moved that the suspension be continued on Mr Colvill till the first meeting of the Synod of Ardmagh on the second Tuesday of October next, and afterwards till he give satisfaction to the preby of Ardmagh for his irregular practices, and the question being put approve this motion or not, it carried approve, by a great majority. Mr Colvill.

Mr Henry go to Dromore.

Then it was moved and agreed to that Mr Saml Henry shall go to Dromore, and preach in their Meeting House next Lord's day, and intimate the sentence of Mr Colvill's suspension to that congregacon, and if the major party refuse to give him access to their meeting-house, he is to preach to the minor party; and Mr Henry is also to intimate the sentence of Mr Colvill's suspension to him the said Mr Colvill, and Mr Will. Boid, and Mr Liviston are to write a letter to the people of Dromore to exhort them to their duty.

Letter to Drumore.

Then it was moved and agreed to that Mr Will. Boyd Mr Sam. Ross, Mr Lang and Mr Thos Kennedy shall meet and draw up the reasons which influenced the Synod to come to the above resolutions in Mr Colvill's case.

Mr Colvill no communion to be kept wh him.

Then it was moved that this Synod may consider in case Mr Colvill disobey our sentence, how we shall conduct ourselves towards any minister who shall keep ministeriall communion with Mr Colvill during the time of his suspension, and after long reasoning a question was offered, shall such ministers of this Synod as keep ministerial communion with Mr Colvill during his suspension incur any censure for so doing or not, and the question being put it carried censurable by a great majority; then the question was offered whether the censure shall be suspension or rebuke, before the preby, and the question being put it carried that the censure shall be suspension.

Protest.

Against this vote Mr Haliday protested, and Mr Shaw, Mr John Elder, Mr Michael Bruce, Mr Abernethy Mr John Or, of Combar, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr M'Teer, and Thomas Park Elders, adhered to the protestation.

Adjourned to 9 *mane*—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 13tia.

Die Jovis June 24 *Hora* 9 *ante merid. post preces Sedt &c.*

Drumore.

The letter appointed to be written to the people of Dromore was read and, approven. This Synod appointed Mr Seaton to supply Drumore on Sabbath come eight days, and Mr Macalpin is to supply them on Sabbath come fortnight, in case they submitt to the sentence of this Synod.

Adjourned to 3 afternoon concluded with prayer.

Sessio 14.

Die Jov. Horâ 3tia a merid. post preces Sedt &c.

fund.

It was overtured in order to make the fund effectual for the future each minister shall give an account to his Presby what he believes his congregacon is able and willing to pay to the fund and that the Clerks, of the several Presbys shall make a return of said promises to next General Synod.

The Synod entering upon the considering of some overtures proposed by the subscribing ministers, and elders to be laid before the Synod, Mr Abernethy proposed that whereas it had been offered to the nonsubscribers by some ministers sent to them in the forenoon, that the subscribers would readily consider any expedient for peace, which

they would propose, and whereas they have not these expedients drawn up in writing, and that they would prepare them, and transmitt them to the several Presbys, this was agreed to and Mr Abernethy read a paper, but he said he had something more to add to it, and that when it was finished he would send it to the Clerk of this Synod.

Then the first overture from the Subscribers was read and is in these words, whereas there are several ministers and others who scruple communion with ministers of nonsubscribing, or nondeclaring principles, it is therefore overtured that it be agreed to by this Synod, that such be allowed peaceably to follow the light of their own consciences, in that particular, and that no Act or Acts formerly made by this Synod shall be interpreted to the contrary hereof, and after reasoning an Amendment was offered and added in these words. That if any person shall scruple communion with subscribing ministers, the same liberty shall be allowed them, and then the question was put approve the above overture or not? and it carried approve. And Mr John Ball, Mr Mathew Clarke, Mr John Or, Mr John Cochrane, Mr Nath. Cochran, Mr Gaudie, Mr Irvin, Capt Henderson, Mr Sam. Smith, Mr Gawin Steele, Fergus Smith, John Tod, and Mr Jam. Murray Elders dissented, and desired that there dissent from adding the above amendment, might be entered into our Records. Overt. Dissent.

Then the second overture was read, and is in these words that whereas the Pacific Act has been by some interpreted to indulge intrants into the ministry in scrupling some Doctrines as well as phrases in our confession of faith that it be therefore resolved by this Synod that no Preby shall be allowed to interpret said Act in such latitude, which we believe is not agreable to the sense of this Synod in 1720 nor to the words in wh said Act is expressed, and if any intrant shall scruple any doctrine or doctrines of our confession, that the Presby to which he belongs, shall not proceed to license ordain or install him, untill the General Synod shall have an opportunity of judging the affair, and that the scruples of any candidate agt any proposition or propositions in our confession be transmitted to the several Presbys that all may have their deliberate thoughts of them against the time of the Synods meeting and that any candidate who is to be licensed, or ordained shall be called upon by the Presby to which he is subject, to subscribe the confession of faith, when he delivers his first piece of tryal, whether first or second tryals or before he be ordained but if notwithstanding, any preby shall license, ordain or install any Intrant contrary to the above Act as now explained and limited, that the Moderator of the preby licensing the minister, presiding in ordaining or installing shall incurr the censure of suspension for a year, and the person licensed shall be silenced, and the Intrant ordained or installed shall be deposed by any particular or General Synod, which shall happen first. 2 Overt.

It was moved by some that this overture be transmitted to the severl prebys, but this motion was opposed by others: and then the question was put, shall we consider this overture now or transmitt it to the sevll prebys, and it carried consider said overture now by a great majority, and then after long reasoning upon the overture the Question was put approve the above overture or not, and it carried approve by

a great majority. Mr Haliday, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Shaw, Mr Michæl Bruce, Mr Jon. Elder, Mr Abernethy, Mr Jon. Or protested agt the said vote.

Overture 3.

3. For preserving peace and Harmony in managing the affairs of prebys, it is overtured that the following Model of prebys be agreed to viz :

New Preby at Bangor.

1. That there be a new preby entered at Bangor, to consist of the following ministers, Mr Gaudie, Mr Henry Hamilton, Mr Biggar, Mr Mongomery, Mr Jam. Stuart, Mr Seaton Mr Alex. M'Crackan Senr, Mr Malcom, Mr Masterton, and Mr Tho. Elder, if he please, and Mr Fraser, if he please, and the congregations of Newton, new Comber, and Monyrea, to be subject to this preby. They are to meet in the third meeting-house in Belfast, on the 2d Tuesday of Augt.

New Preby at Killyleagh.

2. That there be a new preby erected at Killyleagh, to consist o the following ministers: Mr Jam. Bruce, Mr Jam. Reid, Mr John Or, if he please, Mr Pat Bruce, Mr Archibald Dickson, Mr Williamson, Mr Smith, Mr Shannon, Mr Archd M'Clain, Junr Mr Hasting, Mr Macalpin, left at his liberty to join either to Bangor or Killyleagh prebys, and Ballyalbert left at liberty to join either to Bangor or Killyleagh preby. This preby to meet at Killyleagh on the first Tuesday of September.

Preby at Templepatrick.

3. That a new preby be erected at Temlepatrick to consist of the following members : vizt : Mr Livingston, Mr Tho. Craford, Mr Alex. Brown, Mr Robt. Macmaster, Mr Jam. White, Mr Tim White, Mr Jam. Creighton, Mr Robt. Sinclare, Mr Jam. Cobham, Mr And. Crawford, Mr John Riddle, and Mr Fraser is allowed to join this preby, if he please; Mr Will. Taylor Senr and Mr Leech at liberty to join this preby; and these congregations, viz : Bellynure, Envor and Killead are annexed to this preby. This preby to meet at Templepatrick on the 2d Tuesday of August.

New Preby of Antrim.

4. That a new preby be erected at Antrim to consist of the following ministers, vizt : Mr Michæl Bruce, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Haliday, Mr John Mairs, Mr Harper, Mr Abernethy, Mr Tho. Wilson, Mr Clugston, Mr Henderson, Mr Tho. Shaw, Mr Will. Taylor, Junr Mr John Or of Comber, if he please, and Mr John Elder, left at liberty to join this new preby of Antrim, or continue where he is, and Mr Pat. Simson is left at liberty to join with the preby of Antrim or Killyleagh, or continue where he is: This preby to meet at Antrim the last Wednesday of July. The probationers of these sevl prebys shall have liberty to join with which of these prebys they shall think fit.

All these prebys. to be subject and accountable to superior judicatories, and to act agreable to Synodical rules, more espescially in the admission of Intrants, and that their records in the licensing of Candidates, and of the admission of Intrants into the ministry be laid before this Synod, when the name of such Candidate or Intrant is returned to this Synod which shall be at the first General Synod after the licensing of any Candidate, or ordination, or installment of any Intrant; and the question was put, approve this overture or not, and it carried approve.

Overture 1.

Then these following Overtures from the body of the Subscribers

were read: (1) Whereas the reproaching the Judicatories of this Church is very offensive in itself, and tends to disturb the peace of this Church, and to the weakening the authority of Synods and prebys, and destroying the usefulness of ministers, we therefore propose that it be a resolution of this Synod, that if any minister or probationer of this Church shall by writing, preaching or in conversation reflect upon or reproach our Synods or preby and their acts in a manner unbecoming his or their relation to said Judicatories, contrary to that respect and reverence which ought to be showed to Church Assemblies however fallible and subject to mistake; that such offender shall be suspended from the exercise of his ministry, and preaching by the Presbytery to which he is subject, until the time of the General or particular Synod's meeting, unless he give satisfaction to his Presbytery before that time, and that if any other person of our communion shall be guilty of the above offence, he shall be proceeded against according to the rules of Discipline in cases of Scandall.

Overture 2.

2. That whoever shall maintain that Christ hath not lodged any authority in the Judicatories of this Church, but that they are mere consultative meetings, whose decisions even in matters of prudence and expediency may be counteracted and defeated by every man's private judgement, or shall express himself in words to that effect, ought not to be, nor shall be, allowed to vote in any matter, the decision whereof may effect any member, who believeth the proper authority of our Judicatories as the ordinance of Jesus Christ, to which submission is due in all things lawful, for conscience sake; it being contrary to common equity that where their is a parity of power, the obligation to mutual submission should not be equal in all the members.

Overture 3.

3. That any member of our Judicatories who shall refuse to give a declaration of his sentiments of the Truth of God contained in our common Confession, when required thereunto judicially by any of the Judicatories of this Church constituded in the name of our great Lord, to which Judicatory he or they are subject, when the Judicatory shall apprehend such Declaration will contribute to the glory of God, and the edification of souls; such recusants shall be censured according to the importance of the Article, the confession whereof is judically demanded, and not confessed or declared.

Overture 4.

4. That altho' this Church have not as yet enacted that a subscription or declaration of the Westminster Confession of Faith (which is the common Confession of this Church) should be made by every constituent member of this Synod, yet we adjudge it requisite that the following overture be trasnmitted to the sev^{ll} prebys, vizt: whether or not we should after the laudable example of the Church of Scotland in their General Assemblies, require of every minister and ruling Elder before their admission to vote in our Gen^{ll} Synod, that he subscribe or declare the Westminster Confession of faith to be the Confession of his faith, as a qualification of membership.

Overture 5.

5. That if any inferior Judicatory shall take upon them to reverse or alter the Decisions of their superior Judicatories the Moderator presiding at that time, and the Clerk acting under him, shall both incurr the censure of suspension as long as the next superior Judicatory shall think fit.

Then the question was put shall we transmitt these overtures to the consideration of the sev^ll prebys, or not, and it carried transmitt by a great majority.

Committee on Mr Wirling's case.

It was moved that the old preby of Belfast meet as a Committe and adjourn themselves from time to time till they bring the process commenced against Mr Wirling to an Issue: this was unanimously agreed to, and the three ministers in Belfast are impowered to call said Committee when they think proper.

Protest and reasons of it.

Mr Sam. Haliday gave in a protestation in name of several Bretheren against our resolution of suspending such ministers as keep ministerial communion with Mr Colvill during his suspension in these words: "From this resolution Mr Sam. Haliday, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Abernethy, Mr Shaw, Mr Michael Bruce, Mr John Or, Mr John Elder Ministers, and these Elders, Mr McTeer, and Thos Park dissented and protested in their own names, and in the name of all who shall adhere to them, as being in their opinion contrary to the great protestant principle that in religious matters men may act agreably to the dictates of their own consciences, to the doctrine of the Westminster Confession, that all councils and Synods may err, and are not to be made the Rule of practice: to the Holy Scriptures, by which we are commanded to receive to communion all those whom Christ hath received, and as having a tendency to bring our Ecclesiastical censures into contempt, when they are appointed to be inflicted on ministers of the Gospel to support a censure already past against a minister, which censure they think is in itself void and null, and for a supposed offence, which can amount to no more than an error perfectly consistent with sincere eminent piety, learning, ministerial gifts, fidelity and great usefulness in the work of the ministry; and they reserve to themselves Liberty to give in their reasons in due time.

The Reasons influencing The Synod. to come to the above resolutions in Mr Colvill's case.

The brethren who were appointed to draw up the reasons which had been alledged during Mr Colvills tryal and which influenced the Synod to come to the above resolution and sentence conserning him, do observe.

1. That Mr Colvill's conduct is most irregular, and unexampled, for it appeared to us by the Records of the Presby of Ardmagh that said Mr Colvill contrary to his promise to subjection to said Preby, and even while his cause was depending before the Judicatories of this Church (he having lodged an appeal from the Synod of Ardmagh to this General Synod) did without the knowledge or consent or any Certificate from the said Presby withdraw himself from under their conduct and contrary to the rules of this Church, upon letters obtained in a clandestine, and irregular manner receive ordination in London by which extraordinary and unprecedented step he hath broke through our Constitution and trampled on our Authority, and rules.

2. That it did appear to us that said Mr Colvill did upon his return immediately intrude himself into the Congregation of Drumore which was subject to this Synod, and even before he applied to the Presby of Ardmagh to which he belonged, and to which the congregation was immediately subject or produced the Testimonials of his ordination to them, or to some of our Synods, according to an act provided

in such cases, did take upon him to act as Pastor of part of Drumore Congregation, administring ordinances among them in direct opposition to his professed principles, as well as his solemn promise of subjection, which practice of his appears to be not only irregular and disorderly but also immoral as being a plain violation of a solemn promise to Ardmagh Presby, and to his promise at his licensing in Scotland.

3. That this Synod had a just right to inquire into and censure the extraordinary and irregular conduct of said Mr Colvill, appears from the continuance of his relation to Ardmagh Presby, notwithstanding his ordination, for Mr Colvill never desired to have his relation to said Presby loosed, as a proof of which it was alledged that he did not demand a Certificate from said Presby to go and settle elsewhere but only to go abroad for a time and return to it, and during his absence he had still in his possession the call of Drumore which the Presby had put into his hands, further some time after his return from England at their first meeting he applyed to the Presby of Ardmagh for membership and ministerial communion which he professed earnestly to desire. The people of Drumore did also earnestly supplicate for his installment by some members of said Presby, which indubitably proves that they believed their respective relations to said Presby did still subsist, the same never having been loosed by the decision of any Judicatory of this Church, beside that the people did from time to time continue instances with the Presby for his installment among them.

4. That Mr Colvill's nonappearance before the Synod cannot be any just hinderance of our procedure in his cause since it appeared to the Synod that on Saturday last the Moderator published from the pulpit before the Commissioners of Drumore when Mr Colvill was present and at no great distance that the tryal of their affairs was to commence on Tuesday morning following, where they and Mr Colvill were desired to Attend, nor can we comprehend how Mr Colvill could be ignorant that his conduct should come under the Synod's consideration when he had in such manner possessed himself of a congregation belonging thereto, nay it appeared that he was not unacquainted with the time of his Tryal, but did industriously absent himself, he being in town, and in the meeting-house the same day, and we hear is now returned since his affair was issued.

Lastly that what the Synod charged upon him was acknowledged by him, and the Commissioners of Drumore before Armagh preby, and notorious to all, nor could he, or the people alledge anything but the conduct of the Synod, and preby of Ardmagh, which had it been as they represent could not justify the irregular steps taken by Mr Colvill.

Concluded with prayer.

THE CAUSES OF THE FAST.

The General Synod being sensibly affected with the just cause which we with other protestants have given a holy God to lift up his hand against us, and trembling for fear of the Great God, do with the

Causes of the fast.

greatest seriousness call upon all who have any interest at the Throne of Grace to humble themselves that they may by fasting and prayer plead with a merciful God the averting of deserved wrath, and that undeserved compassion may be shown to us; that true and uncorrupted Religion may be preserved and revived, dangerous errors and gross immoralities suppressed, that our fellow Christians who bear the burthen in the heat of the day, may be supported and their grievances speedily redrest, and that God may continue to be a defence about his glory in all reformed churches and particularly in our Land.

The reasons determining us to this serious call are these that follow :—

1. It is too well known that iniquity abounds; and the love of many waxeth cold: practical Godliness is under a palpable decay, the power and life of religion is almost lost; we have a name to live, and are dead; the ordinances of the Gospell are despised, gross immoralities (which are a reproach to the Christian name) are too common among us, the minds and consciences of many are defiled, whereby many dangerous errors are got into a neighbouring Island, and are to be dreaded, lest they reach us; the Lord's holy day is prophaned, drunkenness, common swearing, lying, uncleanness, fraud and oppression are crying sins for which our Land may mourn. The idolatrous practices of a Romish faction are with pharisaiacal diligence propagated, and their fryars and Jesuits are compassing sea and land to make proselytes; the Quakers are also spreading their unsettling principles in the several corners of this Island, and disquieting the godly.—These considerations should rouse us out of our security; and prevail with us to call on our God that he may preserve his Church in the midst of these snares, and that he may heal our lamentable breaches (for in the Anger of the Lord we are divided) and that peace to the brethren with faith and love may be commanded from God the father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. Who can be at ease in Zion when the barbarities exercised towards our follow Christians abroad (which daily reach our ears) are considered; shall we not remember these that are in bonds as bound with them, and them that suffer adversity as being ourselves also in the body; let us therefore ask that God may make Zion a quiet habitation, that the destroyer may no longer wast in God's holy mountain, but that the mountain of the Lord's House may be exalted above all the mountains and hills of opposition.

3. The present weather hath so mournful an aspect, that we cannot but be affraid that God has a controversy with us, he gave us a surprising seed time, but begins to blow upon our hopes; he can easily bind up the clouds, and give the latter rain in its season: to whom should we look but unto Him that in due time he may send us a blessed harvest.

Let us therefore rend our hearts and not our garments, and we do earnestly obtest Ministers and people that they fervently pray to God for our only rightful Soverign King George; the prince and princess of Wales, and their hopeful offspring, that his sacred Majesty may be

mercifully preserved abroad, his consultations wisely directed, and that he may safely and comfortably return to his British Dominions, when he has gloriously, as he has formerly done, served the interests of Europe, and particularly of suffering protestants, while abroad from us; that the regency of these realms may be greatly blest and that his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of this Island, with inferior magistrates to him and over us may be highly honoured of God to imploy the trust committed to them, for the terror to evil-doers and encouragement of to them that do well. We are also to pray that the endeavours of other protestant powers may be made successful for the relief of our suffering brethren abroad. Let us also with all earnestness ask that God may bless us in turning us from our sins, by pouring forth a spirit of repentance and reformation on all ranks and degrees of persons among us: that he maypreserve us with the neighbouring Islands from the danger of Deism, the Arian heresy, popery, Quakerism and other errors, drawing aside from the grace of God, faith of Jesus Christ and practical Godliness, and that sound doctrine, pure ordinances, and brotherly love may be the lasting blessings of this Church.

We would also stirr up all that is in us to bless God for lengthening out our tranquillity, and that our Liberties sacred and civil are preserved. This Synod do appoint the first Wednesday of August to be set apart by all the congregations within their bounds, for fasting and prayer to the purposes and for the reasons above-mentioned.

WILLM MACKAY, C.S.G.

A General Synod at Dunganon, June 21st, 1726.

Mr John Stirling Modr to the former Synod oped this Synod by preaching on 1 Peter 5 1-2, and then constituted the Synod by prayer and the Roll was called.

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Tyreown Preby.		Letterkenny.	
Henry Crooks	David Sloan	Sam. Henry	Ja. Dennison
Thom: Kennedy	John Laird	Char. Lerid	Capt. Henderson
John M'Clave	Alexr Atcheson	Robert Wilson	And. Stinson
Tho. Mulligan	John Wilson	Fran. Laird	
Hugh Wallace	Mr. Agnew	John Holmes	
Robert Thomson	John Reid		
John Kennedy	Ja. Paul	Templepatrick.	
Neth. Cochran	John Jordan		
Jam. Dykes	Robert Creighton	Ja. Cobham	David M'Alpine
Robert Stewart	John Anderson	Alex Brown	Tho. Boyle
Ja. Or	Will. Dickson	Robert Sinclare	Mr. Chas. Johnston
		Wm Livingston	Hugh Owens

Ministers.	Elders.
Derry.	
John Harvey Senr	
Wm Cornwall	
John Stirling	
Hans Stewart	Mr. John M'Clinch
Wm Boyd	Alderman Cowan
Sam. Ross	Ja. Colyhoon
John Harvey Junr	Robert Barber
Major Murray	Alex. Porter
Wm Cuningham	Mr. Hugh Thomson
Bangor.	
Mr Gaudie	Wm Warnock
Mr. McAlpine	Gawin Hamilton
Mr. Biggar	Mr. Wm Townsend
Mr. Stewart	Wm Lister
Mr. Elder	Jam. Alexr
Mr. Mastertown	Wm Beaty
Mr. Seaton	Hugh Wilson
Mr. Dickson	
Mr. Montgomery	
Killeleagh.	
Wm Smith	John Clark
Ja. Reid	Pat^{k} Patton
Pat Bruce	And. Tod
Arch Maclaine Jun	Robt Tannyhill
Hugh Williamson	Hen. Montgomery
Jam. Hasting	Wm Crick
John Murray	Mr. Wm Byars
Victor Ferguson	Neth. Hood
Isaac Taylor	Wm M'Dowell
Joseph Hemphill	Alexr Woodburn
Colerain,	
Matth. Clark	John Hasletown
Rob. Haltridge	Mr. Ja. Murray
Sam. Dunlop	Ja. Weir
Robt Higginbothom	Gawin Steel
Robt McBride	Ab. Holmes
John Cochran	Martin Campbell
Tho. Cobham	Sam. Hodge
Ja. Thomson	Ja. Laurence
Rob. Knox	
John Or	

Ministers.	Elders.
Templepatrick—*Cont.*	
Ja. White	
Robert M'Master	John Brown
Timothy White	Ja. Laird
Tho. Craford	John Hamel
Wm Thomson	W^{m} M'Creight
Antrim.	
Ja. Kirkpatrick	Mr. Pat Getty
John Abernethy	Arch. Patterson
Sam. Halyday	Mr. Sturgeon
Mich. Bruce	Capt M'Neal
Pat. Simpson	Jos Hill
John Mayers	John Cooper
Armagh.	
John Hutcheson	Mr. Robt. Scot
Wm Gray	And. Tod
Geo Lang	David Chalmers
Gil. Kennedy	And. Strachan
Robert Rainey	Hugh McKibbin
William McKay	Mr John Knox
Robert Gordon	Hugh Magill
John Menoch	John Moody
Geo. Cherry	Capt Magill
Ja. Allan	
Straban.	
Ja. Maxwell	Mr John Knox
John Ball	Ja. Caldwell
Neh. Donaldson	Robert Greer
Monaghan.	
Baptist Boyd	Adam Alexander
Hump. Thomson	Mr Alex^{r} Wilson
Jos. Cornwall	Richard Robinson
Alex^{r} Fleming	Ja. Shaw
Wm Hair	Percival Raser
Pat. Plunket	Fran. Scot
Tho. Maclaine	Peter Miller
Sam. Irwin	Wm Haverson
Sam. Hemphill	Wm Clark
And. Dean	Sam. Wallace
John Carlyle	Ja. Campbell
Jam. Bond	W^{m} McMorar
Neth. Glasgow	Mr M'Clagherty
John Algio	84
Matth. Chalmers	
Robert Craghead	
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The former Mod^{r} desireing y^{t} a new Mod^{r} may be chosen, a list of the following Br^{n} was proposed viz; Mr Crooks, Mr Gaudie, Mr Sam. Henry, Mr Jos. Cornwall, Mr Clark, Mr Gordon, Mr Cobham, Mr Laird, Mr John Harvey Senr, Mr Ball, Mr Michael Bruce, Mr Reid, y^{t} one of them may be chosen Moderator to this Synod and the Br^{n} being heard and removed and the vote put, Mr Laird was chosen Mod^{r} by plurality of voices. And this Synod unanimously agreed to continue Mr Mackay, Clerk. Moderator chosen. Clerk.

The several Presbys are to return the names of their members for the several Committes viz: of Overtures, Bills, for revising the Synod books, and for the Fund to next Sed^{t}.

All the members of this Synod are to meet here for prayer at 7 tomorrow morning and continue in prayer till ten of the clock. Interloq^{r} to meet at ten of the Clock. open Synod at eleven of the clock; concluded with prayer.

Die Mer. hor^{a} 11ma, ante merid. post preces Sed^{t} &c. Sessio 2

The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

Mr Robt. Paterson produced testimonials of his ordination from some min^{rs} in England in the year 1712 and testimonials of his behaviour subscribed by some people in Corsam in the county of Wilts, but no member of the Synod knows any of these people who subscribed these testimonials; the Synod considering this case could not be clear to receive Mr Paterson on these Tstimonials, then it [was] moved and agreed to that the Presby of Bangor shall write to some particular min^{rs} in England who [are] to send over testimonials of his behaviour, and if these testimonials shall prove satisfying to that Presby, they are allowed to imploy him upon his conforming himself to the rules of this Church in the admission of intrants in subscribing the Westminster Confession of faith. Mr Paterson

The several Presbys returned the names of their members for the several committees.

It was moved that whereas there have been some expedients for peace proposed by our non-subscribing Br^{n}, that this Synod would appoint longer adjournments than usual, that so the subscribing Br^{n} may have an opportunity to meet by themselves to consider these expedients, and what may be proper to be done in our present circumstances: this motion was reasoned upon for some time, and agreed to, and Mr Kirkpatrick proposed to give in these expedients to next Sed^{t}.—Adjourned to 4 *a merid.* Concluded with prayer. Expedients for peace by the Nonsubscribers.

Die Mer. hora 4ta a merid. post preces, Sed^{t} &c. Sessio 3.

Mr Arch^{d} Dickson moved that whereas his own peace and the peace of his Session & congregacon appears to depend upon his being annexed to the Presby. of Bangor that this Synod may disjoyn him from the Presby of Killeleagh & annex him to that of Bangor. He also voluntarily declared himself to be of subscribing principles in opposition to Mr Dickson.

the non-subscribing and non-declaring principle. This motion was seconded by his Session and congregacon, and after reasoning, a question was offered shall we grant Mr Dickson & his Session and congregacon their request or not, and the question being put it carryed grant by a great majority.

The Presby. of Banger is also allowed to receive Mr Nethaniel Or, he giving them satisfaction.

Subscribing Body to meet.

Mr Kirkpatrick in pursuance of the motion made at last Sed^t^ produced a long paper, entitled Expedients for peace, which he read and gave in, and then a question was offered whether we shall continue our resolution in the forenoon to meet in separate bodies that the subscribers may consider s^d^ paper by themselves or not? And that question being put it carryed that the subscribe s meet separately to consider s^d^ Expedients by a great majority. Then it was moved and agreed to that the Subscribing body meet here tomorrow, at 7 in the morning, and that the Synod be adjourned to 7 on Friday morning —Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 4th

Die Ven horâ 7ma Ante Merid. post preces Sed^t^ &c.

Time and place of Next Synod.

The next meeting of this Synod is to be at Dungannon the 3rd Tuesday of June next, sermon to begin at 5 afternoon.

The Revisers of the Records of Armagh Synod report that they revised s^d^ Records and do approve them and so doth this Synod.

Synod Books.

The Revisers of the Records of the Synod of Derry, report that they revised s^d^ Records and do approve them and so doth this Synod.

Glenon.

From Glenon appeared James Patton &c. Commiss^rs^ to prosecute the appeal of that congregaon from the Presby of Antrim to this Synod they also earnestly supplicate that they may be disjoined from the Presby of Antrim and annexed to the Presby ot Rout, this affair was referred to next sed^t^.

Banbridge.

From Banbridge appeared Hen. Heron, Daniel Richie Commr^s^ supplicating that their min^r^ Mr Arch^d^ Maclaine may be disjoined from the Presby of Killeleagh and annexed to the Presby of Armagh under whose care they always desire to be, alleging that the peace of their congregacon depends thereupon Mr Maclaine not being present this affair was delayed.

Overture from the Subscribing Body.

An overture from the subscribing body to this Synod was read and after reasoning it was read again, & is in these words—The Committee appointed by the subscribing body having seriously considered the propositions offerred by the non-subscribers do observe that some of the principles contained in their propositions are eversive of the Pacific Act, other important resolutions of this Synod and the known principles of our constitution which we believe are founded upon, and agreeable to the laws of the Gospel as well as consonant to the principles and practices of other reformed Churches. We therefore justly reject these new terms of peace contained in these propositions (by which they endeavour to establish their non-declaring principle) as inconsistent with

the peace and unity of this Church. And we do declare our steady adherence to our own principles, and that it is matter of the deepest concern to us, that by these their principles and their declared resolution to adhere to them they put it out of our power to maintain ministerial communion with them in Church Judicatories as formerly consistently with the faithfull discharge of our ministerial office and the peace of our own consciences.

Mr Kirkpatrick moved that the non-subscribers might have a copy of the overture and that they might be allowed some time to consider it, this was agreed to.

Mr Arcd Maclaine being now present the affair of Banbridge was resumed and Mr Maclaine declared his willingness (seeing his congregacon desires it) to be reannexed to the Presby of Armagh, parties being heard & removed the Synod after reasoning agreed that Mr Cobham, Mr Pat. Bruce, Mr Stirling, Mr McCalpine, Mr Livingstone, shall meet with the Presbytery of Armagh and Mr Maclaine and endeavour to reconcile any differences amongst them that might obstruct the reuniting Mr Maclaine to the Presby of Armagh and make report to nex sedt. Mr M'Clain.

Mr John Hasty moved that he be disjoined from the Presby of Killeleagh & annexed to the preby of Templepatrick. This was referred to the Comm. appointed to consider Mr M'Claine's affair. Mr Hasty.

From Drumore appeared Capt. John Magill Comr supplicating that in regard of the paucity of their number, and their weakness, that this Synod would allow them a Sabbath day's collection, with previous intimation the Sabbath before in all the congns within the bounds of this Synod, the Synod considering this case do heartily recommend it to all the congregacons within our bounds to give them a Sabbath days collection with previous intimation and this collection is to be made before the 20th of September next. And Mr Thomas Kennedy is to collect for Tyreown Presby Mr Laird for Letterkenny Mr Major Murray for Derry, Mr Montgomery for Bangor Mr Ball for Strabane, Mr Pat. Bruce for Killeleagh, Mr Livingston for Templepatrick, Mr Allen for Armagh, Mr Irwin for Monaghan, Mr Thomson for Colerain. Adjourned to 4 afternoon—Concluded with prayer. Drumore.

Die Ven. horâ 4ta A Merid, post preces Sedt &c. Sessio 5ta

The comm. appointed to consider the case of Banbridge and to converse with the Presby of Armagh & Mr Maclain report that they conversed with the parties and that they hope the Presby of Armagh will not decline to receive Mr Maclaine if the Synod advise them so to do, the Synod agreed to advise the Presby of Armagh to receive Mr Maclaine into their Presby. The same comm. report that they considered Mr Hasty's motion referred to them and that the Presby of Killeleagh give their consent yt Mr Hasty be annexed to the Presby of Templepatrick, the Synod agreed to annex Mr Hasty to Templepatrick Presby. Banbridge. annexed to Armagh preby.

From Comber appeared Mr James Or Comr supplicating for supplies to that congregacon till next Genl Synod, the Synod considering their Combar.

supplicacon appointed Derry Presb^{y} to supply them the moneth of July by Mr Hugh Thomson, Straban Presb^{y} the moneth of August by Mr Robert Cuningham, Templepatrick September by Mr Ritchie, Letterkenny Octob. by Mr Lind, Armagh Novem. by Mr Reid, Bangor Decemb. by Mr Robert Thomson, Rout January by Mr Hill, Monaghan February by M^{r} Ja. Hamilton, Tyreowen March by Mr Rea.

Mr Wirling.

Report is made to this Synod that whereas the last General Synod appointed the old Presb^{y} of Belfast to sit as a Comm. to try & issue the process commenced against Mr Wirling yt sd Comm. had met and made some progress in that affair but Mr Wirling had alleged partiality against some of them and they were few in number & therefore thought fit to refer this cause to this Synod.

Mr Wirling.

They likewise set forth that it is of great importance y^{t} this process against Mr Wirling be speedily issued, the Synod considered this case, and reasoned upon it for some time & then it was moved, (that whereas Mr Wirling proposeth in his letter to our Mod^{r} that he will come before this Synod with all convenient speed, whenever he shall receive notice yt this Synod will try and issue his affair) yt Mr Hutcheson may be appointed to write to Mr Wirling in name of this Synod to acquaint him that this Synod will enter upon the tryal of his affair on Tuesday morning next & yt he is desired to attend then, this motion was agreed to and Mr Hutcheson wrote to him accordingly.

The Rev Mr Craghead moved y^{t} the Rev Mr Iredell and he and their congregacon may be annexed to the Presby of Monaghan, this was referred.

Oldcastle.

From Oldcastle appeared Thom. Wilson James Hunter Comm^{rs} setting forth that they are about 40 families of our persuasion united into a congregation at Oldcastle that they will give eleven pounds and 20 barrels of oats for supporting the Gospel, and they earnestly supplicate yt this Synod would allow them some assistance, the Synod considering this case resolved that we will do what we can for assisting and supporting yt congregacon.

Then it was moved yt a new Presby be erected in Dublin to consist of the min^{rs} belonging to this Synod in Dublin & some of the most adjacent Br^{n} in the countrey this was referred.

Turbet.

From Turbet appeared Wm Stephens comm^{r} setting forth in his supplicacon yt yt congregacon is able to give but 20 pounds ℔ annum to a Min^{r}, yt they have given a call to a probationer that their Revd Presby. cannot recommend sd call till the fund formerly promised them be put on a surer foot, they therefore earnestly desire yt said fund may be secured to them & yt it may be put on a surer foot and some addition made to it this was referred to the Comm. of funds.

Mr Murdoch.

The necessitous circumstances of Mr William Murdoch preacher of the Gospel being represented by some Br^{n} this Synod thought fit to recommend to the several congregacons within their bounds to give a full Sabbath days collection for his relief to be collected and transmitted to the Rev^{d} M^{r} Ja. White, by Mr Tho. Shaw for Antrim Presby, M^{r} McBride for Rout, Mr Mastertown for Bangor, Mr Cunningham for

Derry, Mr Ball for Straban, Mr Dunlop for Letterkenny, Mr Lang for Armagh, Mr Tho. Maclaine for Monaghan, Mr John Kennedy for Tyreowen Mr Smith for Killeleagh, before the first of September next and Mr Ja. White is to collect for Templepatrick Presby.

The Synod did earnestly recommend to the Presby of Armagh the congregacon of Moywater and Newport to send them as many supplies as possible. Moywater and Newport.

Mr Sam. Henry reports that he went to Dromore according to the appointment of last Genl Synod and read the sentence of this Synod suspending Mr Alex Colvill in the meeting place of the minor part being refused access to the meeting house of the major part of that congregacon. Dromore.

The reasons of a protest against a vote of last Synod in a case of Mr Colvill's were delivered by Mr Michael Bruce, it being now late they cou'd not be read. But the Synod resolved to read them with their first conveniency.

Adjourned to 7 *mane*, Concluded with prayer.

Die Saturn. Horâ 7ma Ante Merid. post preces, Sedt &c.

Mr Seaton produced before the Synod an extract of the minutes of the Presby of Bangor relateing to the subscription of some candidates licensed & Minrs installed by that Presby since last Genl Synod pursuant to an Act of sd Synod. Ordained & Licensed.

By which it appears yt they observed said Act in licensing Mr John Gaudie Junior, and Mr Ja. Dalrymple and Mr Robt Thomson.

Mr Cobham reports that Templepatrick Presby observed sd Act in the ordinacon of Mr Wm Thomson June 7th 1726 & in licensing Mr Moorhead.

Mr And. Craford dyed June 7th 1726.

Armagh Presby report yt they observed sd Act in ordaining Mr George Cherry December 14th 1725 and Mr Ja. Allen May 18th 1726. Killeleagh Presby ordained Mr McMurry December 28th 1725. Letterkenny Presby licensed Mr Ja. Smith. Derry Presby licensed Mr David Harvey. Mr And. Ferguson Senr dyed July 18th 1725. Straban Presby licensed Mr Robt Cunningham. And Colerain licensed Mr Ja. Murray & have Mr Ja. McCurdy on tryals.

And Monaghan licensed Mr Wm Sloan.

The affair of Glenon being referred to this Sedt shou'd have been now considered, but the Presby of Antrim not being present, & for some other reasons the Comrs thought fit to wave their privilege to have yt affair tryed now.

The affair of Mr Robert Wilson of Stranolan is remitted by this Synod to the Presby of Letterkenny with the same correspondents that met before with the sd Presby about his affair they are to meet to issue Mr Robert Wilson.

that affair, at Letterkenny on the 2nd Tuesday of July, Mr Wilson has dimitted his charge of Stranorlan congregacon into the hands of the Presby of Letterkenny.

Mr Hutcheson, Mr George Lang, Mr Tho. Kennedy, Mr Gilbert Kennedy are appointed to draw up an answer to the letters of the Presby of Dublin to this Synod.

Overture from the Subscribers Reasoned upon.

The nonsubscribers being now come Mr Kirkpatrick read a draught of their observacons on the overture from the subscribing body, promised to give a copy of it to the Synod and the Synod reasoned upon this case a long time & then a question was offered shall we delay the further consideracon of the overture for another year or proceed now? And the question being put it carried proceed now by a great majority

Mr Kirkpatrick dissented from this vote as also Mr Abernethy, Mr Halyday, Mr Henderson, Mr Tho. Maclaine, Mr Donaldson, Mr Simpson, Mr Tho. Wilson, Mr Williamson, Mr Michael Bruce, Mr Cobham, Mr Pat. Bruce, Mr Jos. Cornwall, Mr Algio, Mr Victor Ferguson, Mr Mayers, Mr Andrew Ferguson, and Mr Getty, Capt. McNeal, Mr Sturgion, Jos. Hill and Wm Byars.

Then it was moved that if the nonsubscribers have anything to offer to compromise our differences they may now offer it.

It was further proposed as an expedient for peace by some of the subscribing body, yt the nonsubscribers might voluntarly absent themselves from the next meeting of this Genl Synod, & in the meantime wave all our debates, & all printing upon all contraverted points among us & yt in yt case we wou'd delay the further consideration of the overture. But the non-subscribers would not come under any engagements to this purpose for that the next meeting of this Synod at a years distance they said they knew not what may fall out in that time that may render their attending the Synod in their opinion necessary, but yt they were willing to wave all our debates at present. Mr Abernethy further added in name of the non-subscribers that it is their resolution at present to wave their privilege of attending the next Synod, but still under the limitations above mention and also further proposed this Synod shou'd not meddle with any of their principles or make any declaracons against them in their absence with several other limitacons. In the course of the debate the nonsubscribers were desired again and again to let us know their principles or where we may find a scheme of them to this they answered they knew not our principles, to this it was replyed yt our principles are very well known being contained in our confession of faith that we might go through said confession Article by Article & and declare our assent, and where they agree they might declare their assent too but this they declined.

Overture from the Subscribers voted and carryed.

After long reasoning a question was offered shall we agree to the above overture from the subscribing body or not then another question was offered by others whether the concessions made by the nonsubscribers of waveing their privilege of attending this Synod from this time and of attending the next General Synod with the limitations mentioned be a satisfactory ground to delay or not. And then a debate ariseing it was moved yt the previous question be put, which of these

questions shall be put? And the previous question being put, it carryed that the first question shall be put, and then the first question viz. Agree to the overture from the subscribing body or not was put, and it carryed agree by a great majority.

Mr Tho. Maclaine desired yt his dissent from and protest against the above vote & resolution may be entered into records also Mr Nehemiah Donaldson, Mr Craghead, Mr And. Ferguson, Mr Ja. Cobham, Mr Hugh Henry, Mr Williamson, Mr Algio, Mr Victor Ferguson, Mr Wm Smith, Mr Pat. Bruce, and Wm Byars. Dissents.

Mr Pat. Simpson told the Synod he had observed much partiality in them and that he would have no more to do with them but would take his lot with the nonsubscribers, the Synod agreed to part with him, Capt McNeal joined with Mr Simpson.

Adjourned to Munday at 2 afternoon, Concluded with prayer.

Die lun. Hora 2da A Merid post preces Sedt &c. Sessio 7ma

It was moved that whereas the nonsubrcribers desired yt their protest against the vote approving the above overture from the subscribing body may be entered into our records, this Synod may determine whether we will allow their protest to be entered they being now excluded from membership the Synod considering this case, agreed that they have no right to enter any protest into our records.

Mr Tho. Craford was ordered to search his fathers papers for the records of this Synod, and to transmitt them to our Clerk.

From Ballehalbert appeared William Creek Commr supplicating that their Minr and congregacon may be dissannexed from the Presby of Killeleagh and joined to the Presby of Bangor this was referred. Ballyhalbert.

From Glenon appeared John Mulligan &c. Commrs supplicating that their congregacon may be put under the care of the Revd Presby of Rout & no party appeared in opposition, to them the Synod considering this case agreed that the Presby of Rout shall take them under their care upon a regular applicacon from the congregacon of Glenon to that Presby.

The affair of Urnie was considered & whereas the Synod of Derry has appointed a Comm. to issue that affair this Synod agrees yt sd Comm. meet and issue that affair as soon as may be. Urnie.

The Comm. of overtures brought in an overture that a fast be observed by all the congregacons belonging to this Synod last Wednesday of July on account of the great decay of practical religion, & the growth of profaneness & immorality and for several other causes mentioned in the reasons of the fast appointed last year by this Genl Synod, this overture was agreed to. And the Synod of Derry are allowed to keep the sd fast on the third Wednesday of July. Fast.

The fast appointed last year was observed.

The several Presbys returned the names of their members for the General Synods fixt Committee as follows.

Synods fixt Comm

Tyreowen, Mr Tho.Kennedy, Mr John Kennedy, Mr Cochrane and Mr Agnew, Elder. Letterkenny Mr Dunlop, Mr Sam. Henry, Mr Laird, and Capt Henderson, Elder; Derry Mr Winsley, Mr Ninian Cochran, Mr Tho. Harvey and Mr Morison, Elder; Bangor, Mr Moor, Mr Dickson, Mr Alexr Hamilton, and Mr John Thomson, Elder. Killeleagh Mr Smith, Mr Williamson Mr Pat. Bruce, and Mr John Johnston, Elder; Templepatrick Mr Livingston Mr Frazer, Mr Ja. White, and Mr John Birnie, Elder. Armagh, Mr John Hutcheson, Mr Lang, Mr Mackay, and Mr Ja. Johnston, Elder; Straban Mr Ball, Mr Victor Ferguson, Mr Isaac Taylor, and Mr John Love, Elder. Colerain, Mr Matth. Clark, Mr McBride, Mr Ja. Thomson, and Mr Gawin Steel, Elder. Monaghan, Mr Hemphill, Mr Irwin, Mr Chalmers, and Mr Fran. Scot, Elder.

This Comm to be called by our Modr upon emergents to meet at Dunganon 15 to be a quorum 12 whereof to be Minrs each Presby shall pay their members who attend the Comm. report hereof to be made to next General Synod.

The affair of Ballehalbert was resumed and the Synod considered this case and after reasoning agreed that Mr Biggar shall go to Ballehalbert and preach there one Sabbath as soon as may be and represent to them the necessity of their continuing with Killeleagh Presby at least another year and Mr Hutchinson is to write to the congregation of Ballehalbert to the same purpose.

The Synod referred the consideration of the Overtures transmitted from last Ganeral Synod to the severl Presbys to the next Gen1 Synod.

Mr M'Crackan and Mr Wilson

This Synod recommends it to the several congregacons who have not paid the days collection to Mr Robert Wilson and Mr M'Crackan jun. to make said collection for their use.

Fund.

Ordered yt all our congregations pay their fund due at June 1726 to the same congregacons to which they formerly paid it. In order to make the public fund more effectual for the future it was resolved yt the Presbys as soon as may be take an account what the several congregacons within their bounds will engage to pay annually to the fund & yt they do earnestly intreat all their congregacons to be liberal & that an account of the promises of the several congregacons belonging to each Presby be returned to the Gen1 Synods Comm. at their first meeting.

Resolved further yt the respective sums undertaken by the several congregacons be paid for one year at next Synod in such manner as the Synod shall appoint.

Drogheda.

The Synod agreed to recommend it in the most earnest manner to the several congregacons who have not collected for Drogheda Meeting house to make sd collection as soon as possible & transmit it to Mr Henry.

This Synod resolves to do what they can for assisting and supporting the weak congregacon of Oldcastle.

Adjourned to 7 to-morrow morning: Concluded with prayer.

Die Mart. Hora 7ma ante merid. post preces, Sedt &c. Sessio 8.

This Synod allows Templepatrick to pay their fund to Mr Henry this year. It was moved yt in regard the fund has been very much neglected for some years past and yt the Credit of this Synod depends very much upon our doing justice to the weak congregacons depending on sd fund & that many of sd weak congregacons are likely to be deprived of the Gospel thro' deficiency of the said fund, that the fixt Comm. of this General Synod shall meet with the Synod of Armagh at Monaghan on the first Tuesday of October next to settle the affair of the fund; this was agreed to. Fund.

The Motion for erecting a new Presby at Dublin was resumed and it was overtured that the Minrs of Caple Street, Plunket Street, and Ushers key, Drogheda, Castleblayney, Longford, and Breakey shall enter into a Presby to meet in Caple Street Meeting house on the 2nd Wednesday of August and Mr Iredell to open that Presby by preaching. And that Baileyborrough & Oldcastle be under the care of that Presby when planted and that Presby to be under the care of the Synod of Armagh. After reasoning a question was offered approve the above overture or not? and the question being put it carryed approve. New Presby in Dublin.

The Synod considering the necessitous condition of Robert Or do recommend him to the charity of the several sessions within our bounds.

The Brn who protested against the vote past on Saturday last, viz. Agree to the Overture from the subscribing body or not? gave in the reasons of their protestation they are *in retentis.*

Mr Higginbothom being absent when the above resolution and the reasoning upon it past that he might exonerat his conscience desired that his protest against said resolution may be entered into our records.

The Synod resolving to enter upon the consideration of the process commenced against Mr Wirling by the old presby of Belfast he was called, and appeared. He complained of several reports injurious to him; expressed his willingness to submit to a tryal before this Synod, if they thought fit to enter upon it when the evidences yt appeared before the preby of Belfast could not be present, which he did not take upon himself, but left it to the Synod to determine whether it were proper to proceed to tryal and sentence. Mr Wirling.

The Synod resolved in the first place to read the records of the preby of Belfast upon yt cause, that we may know whether it be proper for us to proceed to tryal and sentence, and the Synod allows Mr Wirling to make what remarks he thinks fit upon sd records and also to read before us the defence he read before Belfast preby. Mr Wirling was called and complained that sd preby did him injustice in saying he charged them with partiality and appealed to the minute of the preby of Belfast referring this cause to this Synod; sd minute was read. The Synod advised Mr Wirling to wave that affair till after the minutes of the preby of Belfast be read, and the sd minutes upon Mr Wirling's cause were read accordingly, and Mr Wirling read his written defence & then the Synod after some reasoning adjourned to 4 afternoon—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 9th

Die Mart. Horâ 4ta a merid. post preces; Sedt &c.

It was agreed that Mr Gray be allowed to call some minrs and probationers to assist him by turns in Usher's Island, and yt the presbys be appointed to send such 4, 5 or 6 weeks as he shall write for, the Synod considered this motion and agreed yt the presbys, if they think fit shall send up such as Mr Gray shall desire, provided Usher's Island and the prebys shall secure 20s ℔ diem to such as shall supply them.

Usher's Key.

Mr Wirling.

Mr Wirling's affair was resumed, and whereas Mr Wirling had desired that if this Synod cannot issue his affair at this time that they may not inflict any censure on him till it be brought to an issue, & yt in that case he promised that he would forbear the exercise of his ministerial office in a voluntary manner till the affair be tryed and issued. The Synod agreed not to inflict any censure on him at this time, and appointed a Comm. of the following Minrs and Elders, viz: from Armagh preby, Mr Lang, Mr Kennedy, Mr Fleming, Mr Allen, and Capt. Magill and Mr Reily, Elders; from Bangor, Mr M'Calpine, Mr Dickson, Mr Moor, Mr Montgomery, and Mr Sam. Smith and Mr Small, Elders; from Templepatrick, Mr Ja. Creighton, Mr Ja White, and Mr Timothy White and Mr Wm Thomson and John Birnie and Robt. Wilson, Elders; from Rout, Mr Haltridge, Mr McBride, Mr John Cochran, Mr Ja. Thomson and Archd Stirling and Ben. Boyle, Elders; from Derry, Mr Stirling, Mr Ross, Mr Murray and Mr Cunningham and Capt. John Harvey and Mr John Alexander, Elders; from Tyreowen, Mr Crooks, Mr Tho. Kennedy, Mr Wallace, Mr Dykes and John Rainey and David Sloan, Elders; to meet in Lisburn 7ber. 6th, at 10 in the forenoon to issue any process that is commenced against Mr Wirling, or any other scandal that shall come regularly before them in relation to his character, and this Comm. is to adjourn themselves from time to time till they bring yt affair to an issue.

Committee for his tryal

The reasons of the protest against a vote past last Synod for suspending such Minrs as keep ministerial communion with Mr Colvill during his suspension were read to the 17th page, but the Synod had not time to read any further. Concluded with prayer.

1. *Interloqr Sedt pastores.*

The case of Mrs Tomb, a minrs widow was represented as very necessitous, this Interloqr agrees that the several Presbys shall make up what the can for Mrs Tomb's present relief, & that for the future each Minr shall (pay) 1s 6d ℔ annum to Mrs Tomb and yt a Collector be appointed in each preby to collect sd sum for Mrs Tomb, and this to continue as long as the Synod shall see it needfull.

2. Interloqr Mr Abernethy in name of the preby of Antrim demanded that their proportion of R. D. be duly paid, free of all charge by order of the Synod for their clerk's fees, or any other account wherein the said minrs are not concerned, and yt such Minrs as may be received into their prebys shall be entitled to their proportion, with the same freedom they claim for themselves, and yt a list returned from them shall be equally regarded by our treasurer as the list from the Synod's Clerk.

WILLM MACKAY, C.S.G.

A General Synod at Dungannon, June 20, 1727.

Mr Fran. Laird, Modr to the former Synod, opened this Synod by preaching on 2 Cor : 2 : 16, and 3 : 5 compared, and constituted the Synod by prayer, and the Rolls were called: Sedt the Minrs and Ruling Elders which follow :—

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Letterkenny Presby.		Ardmagh Presby	
		John Hutchison	Mr Alex. Johnston
Saml Henry		George Lang	Mr Alexr Reid
Saml Dunlop		Gilbt Kennedy	Thos Purdy
Char. Lind		Jam. Fleming	Mr Miles Raily
Fran. Laird	Capn Henderson	Jam. Johnston	Will. Andrew
Jam. Cochran		Will. Mackay	John Warnock
John Homes		Robt. Gordon	Capn Magill
Pat Vannce		Archd M'Clain	Jon. Kinghan
		Geo. Cherry	Hugh McKie
Derry Presby.		Jam. Allen	Mr Robt. Fraser
		Will Dick	
Will Cornwall	Robt. M'Entire	John King	
Tho. Winsley	Mr Hugh Thomson		
John Stirling	Mr Jam. Anderson	Strabane Presby	
Will Boid			
Thos Harvey	Moses M'Kintire	Jam. Maxwell	John Blackburn
Saml Ross	David M'Cleland	John Ball	
Major Murray		Jos. Hemphill	
Bangor Presby.		Colerain Presby	
John Gaudie		Math. Clerk	Mr Jam. Ball
Jam. Macalpin	Will. Beaty	Hen. Neil	Mr Gawin Steel
Jam. Stewart		Saml Dunlop	Dan. Steel
Chas Mastertown	Alex. McKail	Robt. M'Bride	Thos Caruthers
Charles Seaton	Saml Halliday	Thos Cobham	Will. Galt
Alex. Hamilton		Robt. Knox	
Killileagh Presby.		Monaghan Presby	
Sam. Shannon		Bapt. Boid	Jam. Brown
Will Smith	Robt McDonald	Jos. Cornwall	Jon Irwin
Jam. Reid	Jas Clagharty	Robt. Coletheart	Jon Irwin
Pat. Bruce		Jam. Teat	Jon Bowcock
John McMurry		Alex. Fleming	Hugh Dobbin
		Will. Hair	Mr John Johnston
Templepatrick Presby		Pat. Plunket	Elias Rutherford
		Tho. M'Clain	
		Saml Irwin	
Will. Leech	Mr Alex. Adair	Jon. Carlisle	
Jam. Cobham	John Hasty	And. Dean	
Alex. Brown	Saml Fairie	Neth. Glasgow	
Robt. Sinclar	James Gibson	Jon. Algeo	
Jam. Creighton	David M'Colough	Math. Chalmers	
Will. Livingston			
Jam. Fraser	Roger M'Knight	Dublin Presby	
Jam. White	Hugh Lynn		
Robt. McMaster	Jon. Begs	Will. Gray	James Wright

Ministers.	Eiders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Templepatrick Presb^{y}		Dublin Presb^{y}	
Tim. White	Jon. M'Cullogh	Hugh Henry	Cap^{n} Wilson
Will. Thomson	Jon. Thomson	Sam Hemphill	John Francis
John Hasty		Will Patton	Will. Dunlop
		Jam. Bond	
		Will. Wilson	
		Tyrown Preb^{y}	
		Hen. Crooks	Hugh Magillwain
		Tho. Kennedy	Mat^{w} Wilson
		John M'Clave	Dav^{d} Chalmers
		Thos Mulligan	Ja^{s} M'Call
		Hugh Wallace	Robt. Maxwell
		Robt. Thomson	Mr Agnew
		Jon Kennedy	Jam. Clerk
		Nath. Cochran	Jo^{s} Bryans
		Jam. Dykes	Thos Kennedy
		Robt. Stewart	Thos Gilpin
		Jam. Orr	Will. Rea
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Moderator Chosen.

The former Mod^{r} desireing that a new Mod^{r} may be chosen, a Leet of the following Brethren was proposed vizt Ma^{rs} Saml Dunlop, Saml Ross, James Stewart, James Reid, Will. Livingston, James Fleming, James Johnston, John Ball, Robt. McBride, Jos. Cornwall, Will. Patton, Hen. Crooks, that one of them may be chosen Mod^{r} to this Synod ; and these Brethren being heard and removed, and the vote being put Mr Livingston was chosen Mod^{r} and Mr Mackay continued clerk.

Committees.

It was moved and agreed to that the sev^{rl} Preby^{s} return the names of their members for the Sev^{rl} comm. vizt : of Overture, Bills, for reviseing the Synods' Books, and for the fund, to next Sederunt.

Prayer.

It was moved and agreed to that all the members of this Synod meet here for prayer at 7 tomorrow morning and continue in prayer till 10 : interloq^{r} to meet at 10 : open Synod at 11 of the clock—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio : 2da

Die Mercurii June 21 : *Hora* 11ma, *ante merid. post preces, Sed^{t} &c.*

The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly

The prebys returned the names of their members for the several Committees, according to appointment.

Absents excused.

The following Breth^{rn} are absent from this Synod, and are excused for reasons now offered, Mr Seth Drumond, Mr John Harvay, sen^{r}, Mr Fairly, Mr Hanse Stewart, Will. Cunningham, Andrew Ferguson, Alex. M'Crackan, Henry Hamilton, John Malcome, Will. Biggart, Arch^{d} Dickson, Jam. Moor, Francis Montgomery, James Bruce, Hugh Williamson, Will. Taylor, Arch^{d} M'Claine, Senr, Chas. Wallace, Mos. Cherry, John Willson, Alex. Macrakan, Senr, Victor Ferguson, Robt.

Haltridge, John Porter, John Cochran, James Thomson, Fran. Ross, John Orr, Fran. Iredell, John Riddell.

The following Bretheren being absent are not excused, vizt, Ma^{rs} John Harvey, Junr, Ninian Cochran, Thom. Strawbridge, Tho. Crafford, John Menoch, Will. Holmes, Nehem. Donaldson, Robt. Craighead, Thos McQuay, Robt. Higginbotham, John Elder. Absents not excused.

The Preby. of Derry report that Mr Ja^{s} Wallace dyed February 21, 1726/7 and that they have Mr John Magachin on first tryals; he subscribed the Confession of Faith according to order. Dead.

Ardmagh Preby report that they ordained Mr John King December the 14, 1726; and Mr Will Dick Feb. 12, 1726/7, and that they both subscribed the Confession of Faith according to order. Ordained.

Root preby report that they have entered on 2^{d} tryals Mr John Thomson, and Mr John Hill. Tryals.

Monaghan preby report that they ordained Mr. Will. Wilson the 20 of December 1726 and that he subscribed according to order; he is now a member of Dubline preby, and they have entered Mr Will. Sloan on 2^{d} tryals. Ordained.

Tyrown preby report that Mr David Tomb died Oct. 6, 1726, and that they design to enter on first tryals Mr Alex. Saunderson. Died.

Bangor preby report that they received Mr Robert Patterson upon certificate from England, and that he subscribed according to order, also that they recived Mr Dickson and Mr Nath. Orr as members of their preby according to appointment of last Synod.

The next Gen^{rl} Synod is appointed to meet at Dungannon on the 3^{d} Tuesday of June 1728, Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon. Time and place of next Meeting.

The preby of Ardmagh report that they received Mr Arch^{d} M'Clain Junr as a member of their preby.

The Synod now recommends it to those who have not contributed towards the building of Mr Allen's Meeting-house at Drumore that they doe it before the end of this Synod. Mr Allen's Meeting-house.

Adjourned to 4 *a merid.* Concluded with prayer.

Die Mercurii June 21, *horâ* 4ta *a merid. post preces, Sed^{t} &c.* Sessio 3^{tia}.

These who were to collect from the sev^{l} presb^{ys} for Mr William Murdack are ordered to receive from the members that are here present, and the Presb^{ys} are to take care that those who are absent pay their days collection, at their first meeting after this Synod, and transmitt it to Mr James White. Mr. Murdack,

The appointment is renewed on Mr Tho. Crafford to search his fathers papers, and to send the records of this Synod which were in his custody, to Mr James Fraser who is to transmitt them to Mr Lang that he may send them to our clerk. Mr Crafford.

The publick fast was observed last year according to appointm^{t}. Fast.

Comm.

Ordered that the sev^{rl} Presby^{s} doe return their members for the Gen^{rl} Synods fixt Comm̄ for the ensueing year to next Sed^{t} and the Presby of Ardmagh and Tyrown are to send 3 members each of them to the Comm, & other Presb^{ys} only two.

Fund.

Ordered that the sev^{rl} Presby^{s} doe make a return to-morrow morning of their contributions towards the fund for last year.

Dublin Presby.

Some members of the Presby of Dubline report that they mett at Dubline according to last Synods order, the second Wednesday of August 1726 and that they have mett sev^{rl} times since.

Mr Wirling's entence approven.

Clerk of that Committe

The Comm̄ appointed to issue Mr Wirling's affair report that they saw cause to depose him, & that he submitted to their sentence. The records of sd Committee were now read & considered by the Synod & a question was offered approve the conduct of the Comm. or not, and it carried unanimously approve. A motion was made that the Clerk of that Comm. having had a great deal of trouble, this Synod may gratify him for that service it was agreed to that the Synod allow him £3 Sterlg to be deducted out of the first R.D. that shall come to our treasurer.

Synod Books approven.

The Revisers of the Records of the Synod of Belfast report that they revised sd records and doe approve them and soe doth this Synod.

The Revisers of the Records of the Synod of Derry report that they revised sd records and doe approve them and so doth this Synod.

The Revisers of the Records of the Synod of Armagh report that they revised sd records and doe approve them and so doth this Synod. Adjourned to 9 *mane*—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 4ta.

Die Jovis June 22 *Hora* 9^{a} *mane post preces Sed^{t} &c.*

The several Presby^{s} returned the names of their members for the General Synods fixt Comm̄ as followes :—

The General Synods fixt Committee.

Ardmagh Mr Hutcheson, Mr Gilbert Kennedy, Mr Mackay and Mr James Johnston, Elder. Tyrown Mr Crooks, Mr Thomas Kennedy, Mr Neth. Cochran, & Mr Agnew, Elder. Letterkenny; Mr Fairley, Mr John Holmes, & Will Moor, Elder. Derry, Mr Will Boid, Mr Murry, and Mr Jam. Anderson, Elder. Bangor, Mr Macalpin, Mr Mastertown, and Mr Hugh Wallace, Elder. Killeleagh; Mr Shannon, Mr Reid, and Andrew Laurie, Elder. Templepatrick; Mr Livingston, Mr Fraser, and Mr Charles Johnston, Elder. Strabane: Mr Maxwel, Mr Ball, and Will Crafford, Elder. Root; Mr Samuel Dunlop, Mr Tho. Cobham, and Mr Gawin Steele, Elder. Monaghan; Mr Hum. Thomson, Mr Alex Fleming, Mr Dean, and Mr Fran. Scott, Elder;—Dublin: Mr Hemphill, Mr Patton, and Robert Callen, Elder, fifteen to be a quorum 10 whereof to be ministers; They are to be called by our Mod^{r} to meet at Dungannon upon emergents.

Mr Allen.

It was recommended to those congregacons who have not collected for Mr Allen's Meeting house, that they make sd collections, according to order of last Gen^{rl} Synod and pay them before All St^{s} next.

From the new erected congraon in Colerain appeared Messrs. David Lindsay, Robert Dunlop Com^rs supplicating that this Synod may allow them such supplies as their Presb^y shall think fitt to apply for from any Presb^y within this Synod, & particularly that Mr Char^s Lind shall supply them the month of August, their petition is granted. Coleraine.

From Ushers key appeared Mr George Aikman Com^r supplicating for supplies from this Synod till such time as they shall be planted: their supplicacon was granted, their supplies to be considered afterward. Ushers key

Adjourned to 4 afternoon—Concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis. Horâ, 4ta A Meridie Post preces, Sed^t &c. Sessio 5ta.

From Dandevadog appeared Anth. Lawson Com^r setting forth the sinking state of that congregacon and earnestly desireing that this Synod may take care of them, their supplicacon was referred to the Comm. of Funds. Dandevadog.

From Dunfanachy appeared Will Dunsmore Com^r setting forth their inability to support the Gospell among them and their vast distance from any other place of worship; their case was referred to the Comm. of Funds. Dunfanachy.

The affair of Ushers key was resumed & it was moved and agreed to that Mr Hemphill supply Ushers key the 3 first Sabbaths of July and Mr Iredell, and Mr Macquay the two last Sabbaths of July and the Presby of Dubline is allowed to apply to any Presby. within the bounds of this Synod for such supplyes as Ushers key shall from time to time desire, and such Presbys as shall be applyed to by them are ordered to send such supplies as they desire if possible, and Mr Will Wilson is to supply Castle Blany the first Sabbath of July and Mr Patton the 2d. Ushers key.

From the newly erected congregacon in Antrim appeared Mr Rainey Com^r supplicating that this Synod may allow them some assistance to build their meeting house. The Synod considering the case of this new congregacon, that they deserve the regard of this Synod and stand in need of help to build their meeting house, doe earnestly & heartily recommend it to such congregacons as they shall apply to, to doe all that lies in their power to encourage and assist them. Antrim.

From Bellyalbert appeared John Park Com^r supplicating that their min^r and congraon may be disannexed from the Presby of Killileagh & annexed to that of Bangor. Bellyalbert.

From Drumbo appeared James Clerk Com^r setting forth that it will not be for the peace of that congregacon to (be) continued annexed to the Presby of Killeleagh and earnestly desireing that this Synod may take such measures as may promote the peace and comfort of their congregacon. These cases were reasoned upon for some time and referred to the Comm of Overtures & the Presby of Killileagh to attend that Comm. Drumbo.

From Belturbit & Ballyhay appeared Mr Adam Henry Com^r setting forth their inability to support the Gospell. Their supplicacon Turbit.

was referred to the Comm of Funds and that Committee is appointed to consider this & other cases of like nature referred to them & timeously to make report to this Synod.

Sligo. Mr Samuel Henry having given in his dimission of his charge of the congregation of Sligo to the Presby of Letterkenny some time ago that Presby. referred said dimission to this Synod. Sd dimission was read as also the reasons of it and the Synod reasoned upon this case for some time & Mr Henry was heard & the Synod finding that the people of Sligo gave no opposition the question was put accept Mr Henry's dimission or not? & and it carryed accept by a great majority and the Presby of Letterkenny are to supply Sligo & the Synod resolve to doe what they can to support them.

Abby-Boil. From Abbyboyl appeared Mr Moor Commr supplicating for a recommendation to such as they shall apply to for charitable contributions to build their meeting house. The Synod does recomend it to such as they shall apply to for their charitable assistance.

Old Castle. A Supplicacon from Old Castle was read that people sett forth their earnest desire that this Synod wo'd assist them to support the Gospell among them; the Presby of Monaghan sett forth that, that people will give £11 per ann. to a Minister. This was referred to the Comm. of Funds.

A letter from Mrs Cornwall complaining that Augher congregacon owes £10 to Mr Cornwall was read, the Synod considered this case and reasoned upon it for some time and unanimously agreed to injoyn the Prsby of Monaghan to see that money paid before next General Synod.

Adjourned to 9 *mane*. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 6ta *Die Ven. June* 23 *Hora* 9a *mane—post preces, Sedt., &c.*

From some people on the North side of Taughboin called Letrim appeared Saml Alexander, Comr setting forth in their supplicacon that they were erected into a congregacon by the preby of Derry some time ago, and that they had been planted some time since, and then declared vacant by the said preby, and that they had made some attempts to be planted again and agreed in their choosing a Pastor, and that their erection had been dissolved by the late Synod of Derry; they therefore earnestly desire that their erection may be continued and that the preby of Derry may be enjoyned to concur with their call to Mr Gray, they giving that preby all satisfaction in their power.

Taughboin.

Mr Boid. Mr Boid offered sevrl reasons why Saml Alexander should not be allowed to act as a Comr in this cause, and why his commission should not be sustained by us, particularly because of sevl indirect and unjustifiable methods used with respect to said commission and supplicacon. Mr Boid and the same Samuel Alexander were fully heard and removed, and the Synod reasoned upon this case for some time, & a question was offered whether this Synod will sustain his commission & allow him to act as a Comr or not? and the question being put, it carryed not *nemine contradicente.*

Adjourned to 5 afternoon: Concluded with prayer.

Die Ven June 23 *Hora* 5*ta Merid. post preces, Sed*t *&c* Sessio 7ma

The Comm. of Overtures report that they considered the case of Drumbo and Bellyalbert committed to them, & that such Brethrn of Killileagh preby as were present satisfyed the Comm. by Declarations made before them that they resolved to guard against every thing that might marr the peace and edificacon of their own congregacons or disturb the peace of this church (which declarations they renewed in presence of this Synod to our satisfaction) and whereas the Comm. appointed Letters to be written to these two congregacons desireing them to continue under the care of Killileagh preby Mr Boid offered a draught of sd Letters to this Synod which were read and approven. Mr Macalpin is appointed to go to Drumbo, and read Letters to that congracon on the Lord's day, & Mr Dickson is to go to Bellyalbert and read sd Letter to them on the Lord's day also. Drumbo and Bellyalbert.

A petition of Mrs Sarah Moor, *alias* Halliday was read, complaining of non-payment of her father's arrears vizt. £40 due by Ardstraw congraon, and bequeathed to her by his last will, alledging the blame on the preby of Strabane. The Synod not being able to judge this affair thought fitt to committ the same to the Rev. Mars Fran. Laird and Will Boid with Captn Henderson and Mr Wilson of Strabane; and the preby of Strabane are to meet at Strabane 3d Wednesday of September, and these Gent to meet with them that day, and the preby of Strabane is to advertise the congraon of Ardstraw to attend the Comm. that day. Ardstraw

It was moved that inasmuch as the congraon of Stranorlan are not able to support the Gospell themselves and are pritty contiguous to neighbouring congraons, that sd congraon be dissolved and the members joyned to other congraons; this affair was referred to the preby of Letterkenny to doe therein as they see fitt. Stranorlar.

The Comm. of Funds overture that Dunfanachy's proportion of the fund be augmented; the Synod agreed that £2 10s per ann. be added to that congraon which will make their proportion £10, & it was recomēnded to Mr Masterton to use his interest to procure payment of £3 due by Lisburn Congraon to Dunfanachy; and it is agreed that the preby of Letterkenny pay their fund to Dunfanachy this year. Dunfanachy.

Mr Will Boid desired that he might be disannexed from the preby of Derry and joynd to such preby in the Synod of Derry as may be willing to receive him; he sets forth that he will joyn himself to some preby in the bounds of that Synod at their first Sedt after this Synod. The Synod considered this affair and reasoned upon it, and then the question was put, Grant Mr Boid's request or not, and it carryed grant & then it was moved & agreed to that a Letter be writ from this Synod to the congraon of Taughboin, exhorting them to adhere to Mr Boid's ministry; the sd Letter was read and approven and subscribed by our Modr and Clerk. Mr Boid.

Adjourned to 6 *mane*: Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 8va. *Die Saturni June 24 Hora 6ta ante merid. post preces Sedt &c.*

Ballenderry

It was moved and agreed to that the Presby of Templepatrick shall pay to Ballinderry £5 of their fund for this year and endeavour to gett up the arrears of the fund due to that congrn.

Fund

The Synod resumed the affair of the fund and it was moved that a Clerk be appointed to keep all the accounts of the Fund in a bound book, and that Mr Bapt. Boid shall undertake sd work and that all the ministers depending on the fund shall be obliged to pay somewhat to the said Clerk; this was agreed to.

Mr Teat

Complaint is made by Mr Teat that whereas the Synod in the year 1716 ordered each Minister to pay him one Shill. for Service he had done in Monaghan and Turbit affairs, & that none had paid except the Presby of Rout and the Synod of Monaghan. The Synod ordered these Presbys that are deficient to pay Mr Teat sd money before the meeting of the Genrl Synod's Comm., otherwise said Committee is ordered to cause our treasurer to deduct Mr Teat's money out of the R. D. of those who are deficient, and Mr Teat is to pay Mr Robert Thomson £5 of the fund in his hand.

The Synod ordered the Synod of Ardmagh to take care that the Presby of Monaghan do justice to Mr Teat as to his fees when Clerk of that Presby.

Mr Hugh Henry

Ordered that Mr Hugh Henry shall have leave to make choice of these congregacons to pay his fund who formerly paid to Mr Simson particularly Mr Shannon, Mr Reid, Mr Pat. Bruce, Mr Williamson, and Mr MacMurry and he is to be continued upon those who formerly paid him.

Mrs Wallace.

The localities formerly allowed to Stranorlan are now allowed to Clandevadog. Ordered that the fund formerly allowed to Mr James Wallace be paid this ensuing year to his widow and the R. D. continued to her.

Stage plays.

A question was proposed to this Synod whether in case any of our ministers attend stage plays, they do not deserve censure for that practice this Synod is unanimously of opinion that if any minister belonging to this Synod attend stage plays he justly deserves censure and the Synod ordered all the Presbys to enquire if any of their members had been guilty in this particular.

Absts

The Synod observing that a great number of the members are gone away without leave to the great prejudice and neglect of the affairs of this Church and that very few members attended the Synod from some Presbys, ordered that this offensive practice be taken notice of in the beginning of next Synod.

Dubline.

It was moved that some ministers from the country adjacent to Dublin be added to the preby in Dublin, the Synod considered this case and referred it to the Synod of Ardmagh to enquire into that affair at their first meeting and to doe therein as they see cause.

Derry Preby.

Ordered that the Presby of Derry pay Mr. Samuel Henry £6 for the year ending in June 1727, which they formerly were allowed to

pay to Mr. James Cochran and that Dumbo and other congregacons pay Mr. Henry the arrears due to him and Lisburn to pay him one pound of the fund due by them.

Ordered that if Donaghadee, Bellywalter or any other congregation in Bangor Presby be not under a locality to some weak congregacon that they pay their fund to Mr. Hemphill and Mr. Patton is allowed to pay him. Fund.

Minutes being read concluded with prayer.

Interloquitur 1st.

It was moved and agreed to that the antient custome of reading the minutes of the sev[l] meetings of the General Synods Comm in the first meeting of the Interloq[r] be revived and accordingly the minutes of the General Synods Comm. w[c] mett in Monaghan in October last were read.

It was reffered to the Comm of Overtures to bring in an Overture to the Synod to oblidge Members of the General Comm. to be more punctual in their attendance.

Interloq[r] 2. The Comm of Overtures proposed to the Interloq[r] that a select Comm be appointed to repare a Draught of an address to his present Majesty this was agreed to.

Interloq[r] 3. Whereas Mr. Wirling had written to this Synod for a Coppy of the minutes of his tryal, this Interloq[r] considered that affair, & reasoned upon it, it was moved & agreed to that some Brethern be appointed by this Synod to go & converse with Mr. Wirling, and endeavour to bring him to a sense of his sin and an acknowledgement of it and in the meantime Mr. Cobham, Mr. Boid, Mr. M'Bride, and Captain Henderson are to write a draught of a letter to Mr. Wirling, this was agreed to and Mr. Cobham, Mr. Mastertown, and Mr. Livingston are to goe and converse with Mr. Wirling for the purposes above said.

The Draught of the letter to Mr. Wirling was read & approven.

The recommendation in favour of James Henderson of Ardmagh is renewed, Mr. Hutchison is to write a state of his case to the sev[rl] Presbys.

Interloq[r] 4. The address to the King was read and approven.

A letter from Mr. Iredell to this Synod was read, he therein setts forth that it wo'd be needful to have some common concert about our R. D. in our present circumstances also a letter from Messrs. Jam. Kilpatrick and Mich. Bruce was read signifying that it is their opinion that it wo'd be needful that a joint Comm. of Deputies from this Synod and the Presbys of Dublin, Munster and Antrim sho'd meet to concert the proper methods of applying to his Majesty for the continuance of R.D.

The Interloq[r] considered this case, and reasoned upon it for some time, and it was agreed to that Mr. Hutchison and Mr. Lang, shall

write a letter to Mr. Hamilton, and it was moved and agreed to that Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Rainey, Mr. Tho. Kennedy, Mr. Hugh Wallace, Mr. Hum. Thompson, Mr. Teate, Mr. Samuel Ross, Mr. Samuel Dunlop, Mr. Ball, Mr. Brown, Mr. Masterton, Mr. McBride, Mr. Reid, Mr. Irdell and Mr. Hemphill meet at Newry upon advertisement from Irdell and Mr. Craighead to concert the applicacons for R.D. in conjunction with the Presby of Dubline, Munster and Antrim.

WILL. MACKAY, C.S.G.

A General Synod pro re nata at Dungannon, December 27, 1727.

A List of Minrs & Elders

Sedt. Mr. Livingston, Moderator, Mr. Sam. Henry, Mr. Fran. Laird, Mr. Ball, Mr. Lind, Mr. Will. Boid, Mr. John Harvey, Senior, Mr. Gray, Mr. Tho. Harvey, Mr. Major Murray, Mr. Nin. Cochran, Mr. George Lang, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Cherry, Mr. Bapt Boid, Mr. Plunket, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Algeo, Mr. Crooks, Mr. Tho. Kennedy, Mr. Mulligan, Mr. Robert Thomson, Mr. Nath Cochran, Mr. John Kennedy, Mr. Dykes, Mr. Robert Stewart, Mr. Teat, Mr. Samuel Hemphill, Mr. Patton, Mr. Brown, Mr. Crafford, Mr. Higginbothom, and Mr. Will Cornwall, Ministers and these Elders; Capt Henderson, Samuel Smith, Jam. Porter, Nath. Wiely, Mr. Tho. Meek, Walter Marshall, Adam Alexander, Robert Hamilton, Jam. Gilmer, Jos. Ladly, Nath. M'Clave, Mr. Agnew, Jam. Stirling, Mr. Dunbar, Jam. Alexander, John Wier, and Mr. Tho. Romage.

Moderator's Conduct approven.

The Modr opened this meeting by prayer, and the Roll was called, & the Modr represented that by the advice of six prebys he had called this Synod to meet here at this time to consider the divisions that have happened among the people of Taughboin & Letrim & the preby & Synod of Derry and some other weighty affairs that relate to the edification of this Church; & after reasoning the Question was put approve the Modr's conduct or not, and it carried approve.

It was moved and agreed to that Mr Lang, Mr Thos Kennedy, Mr Laird, Mr Will. Boid, & Capt. Henderson together with our Modr & Clerk meet as a Comm̄. to prepare a draught of an address to the Lord Lieutent.

Letrim.

This Synod having heard Sevl brethn discourse in genrl upon the occasion of our present meeting considered the expediency of taking these affairs relating to the people of Letrim, the preby and Synod of Derry more particularly under our cognizance; and resolved in order to promote the peace & edificacon of this church to hear all persons & parties that have any interests in these Debates, & the Modr was instructed te tell the parties that we are not sure that we can be ripe to come to any definitive sentence at this time. And in case any of these parties have any papers to bring before us they are to lay them before the following comm. vizt Mr Brown Mr Teat, Bapt. Boyd, Mr Johnston, Mr Mulligan, Mr John Kennedy and their Elders; this Comm. is to meet at 8 of the clock this night.

Committee.

Adjourned to 9 *mane;* Concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis horâ 9a mane—post preces sedt &c. Sessio 2da.

A supplicacon from Sligo was read; that people earnestly desire that the fund formerly allowed them may be continued with them. The Synod considered this case and resolved to do what they can to support that weak congregacon. Sligo.

From Letrim appeared Will. Harvey and Jam. Alexander Comrs they sett forth in their supplicacon that they labour under sevrl grivances, particularly that tho' they had been erected into a congraon wt the consent of the General Synod yet their erection had been dissolved by the Synod of Derry & that tho' supplies had been some time ago appointed them by the preby of Derry, yet they had been deprived of them by the late Synod of Derry which mett *pro re nata*; they earnestly supplicat that they may be aliowed Gospell ordinances among themselves; and that Mr Gray may be their pastor. Letrim.

And whereas there was a Comission and supplicaon laid before the Comm̄. of Bills from a good number of persons belonging to Mr Boid's Congraon; the Comm. enquired whether such papers ought to be read & considered by this Synod, the Synod considered this case, and resolved to lay these papers aside for the present. From both South and North side of Toughboin appeared Walter Marshall, and Robert Wilson Commrs setting forth in their supplicacon that it is their earnest desire that this Synod may preserve Mr Boid's usefulnes, & comfort and endeavour to make him easy among them. Spplications.

From both South and North Side of Taughboin appeared Walter Marshall & Robt Wilson Comrs setting forth in their supplicaon that it is their earnest desire that this Synod may preserve Mr Boid's usefulness & comfort & endeavour to make him easy among them.

From a good number of families who once joined the erection of Letrim appeared John Kennedy Commr. setting forth in their supplicacon their great affection for Mr Boid & their desire to continue under his ministry & praying that his settlement and comfort may be preserved among them.

A supplication from the Session of Taughboin was presented by Mr John M'Clintoc and Mr Tasker Keys, Walter Marshall, & Robert Wilson, Commrs wherein they sett forth that they labour under many grivances and that by indirect and irregular methods great disturbances have been raised among them. Session of Taughboin

They earnestly pray that their present pastor's settlemt. and usefulness may be preservod among them; then it was moved that the minutes of the Presby of Derry that mett in March last, as also the minutes of fhe Synod of Derry wh. mett in May last, may be read, in order to give light in this affair, because it was transacted & judged in these Judicatories but it appears that these records are not here.

Adjourned to 4 afternoon—Concluded with prayer.

Sessior 3tia. *Die Jovis. Decem*r 28 *Hora* 4 *A Merid. post preces Sed*t *&c.*

Mr Thos. Harvey and Mr Cochran

The Revd Mr Tho. Harvey, and Mr Ninian Cochran presented a supplicacon complaining that a censure had been inflcted on them by the late Synod of Derry *pro re nata* in an unprecedented manner, suspending them from voting or judging in any Presby within the bounds of the Synod of Derry till next meeting of sd Synod, & earnestly praying for redress of this grivance and reparacon of their injured carecters: the complainents were fully heard, and the minutes of said Synod of Derry were read & the members of that Synod were heard, & all parties were removed, then it was moved and agreed to, that a Select Comm. be appointed to consider this whole affair; this Comm. to consist of the following members, vizt Mr Lang, Mr Thomas Kennedy, Mr Teat, Mr Brown, Mr Johnston, Mr Hemphill, & the Mod^r & Clerk; they are to bring in their overtures to next Sed^t.

Adjourned to 9 *mane.* Concluded wh prayer.

Sessio 4ta *Die Ven. December* 29 *Hora*, 9 *mane post preces, Sed*t *&c.*

Mr Higginbothom.

From the old congraon of Colerain appeared Mr Higginbotham, Mr Jam. Cunningham and several other gent^n Com^rs and from the new Congraon in Colerain appeared Mr Hugh Bankhead, Mr Robt. Dunlop and Mr Isaac Tod Com^rs. Mr Higginbotham moved that in regard he is not at present a member of any of our prebys he may now be annexed to such Preby as this Synod shall think fitt and declared that he is fully resolved to conduct himself peaceably in any preby of which he shall be a member, and having expressed himself to the satisfaction of this Synod, he was desired to give in writing what he had said & he gave it in writing, *in his verbis* "As I have freely upon all occasions subscribed the Westminster Confession as a test of Orthadoxy, so I never repented of my soe doing and still adhere to these subscriptions. That as I do not know any rule of this Church to which I cannot submit, soe I am resolved to live in peace in whatever preby I am, and do look upon the constitution of this church to be the best of any I know" —*Subscribitur* Robt. Higginbothom.

Mr Higginbothom annexed to Derry Preby.

Whereupon the Synod appointed Mr Boid, Mr Laird and Capt. Henderson to bring in an Overture upon this affair who being returned brought in the following overture:—Whereas the Revd Mr Higginbotham has to the satisfacon of this Synod not only expressed his belief of the Artickles contained in our Westminster Confession of Faith, but also his approbation of the constitution of this Church, & his & his congraon's sincere resolutions to live peaceably with the new erection in Colerain, and further desired that inasmuch as he belongs to no preby, he may be adjoined to some contiguous one particularly to the preby. of Derry at least to next General Synod; the Comm. overtured that he shall be annexed to the preby. of Derry till next Genl Synod upon his produceing Credentials from the preby of Killileagh, and whereas the new erection of Colerain wh we look upon and declare to be orderly erected, have by their Com^rs declared their resolutions to live peaceably w^t Mr Higginbothom and his congraon that it be recomended to both

congraons to put their own resolutions in practice & to endeavour by all means to study these things whereby they may edify one another.

These Overtures were read & approven unanimously.

Before the Comm. to wh the affair of Taughboin was committed had come to any resolution or made any report upon that affair, Mr Will. Gray came into the Synod & read a paper wherein he sett forth that he labours under sevl grivances, & having no prospect of relief from this Synod, had resolved on this account to seperat himself from this Synod, & declared that he doth hereby actually seperat himself from it and all the Judicatories belonging to it, & protested against our intermedling with him or any of his affairs, or words to that purpose, & desired that this might be entered into our records, and then withdrew. Then the Synod sent two members to Mr Gray to desire that paper or a coppy of of it, but he declined to give either the one or the other; and the Synod considering the paucity of their number and straitness of time, resolved to leave the consideracon of this affair to next Genrl Synod; and in the meantime were much surprized and offended at Mr Gray's conduct in withdrawing his subjection from this Synod, and they think themselves oblidged in case he follow any decisive course pursuant to the above sd Declaration to warn all both Minrs and people of our communion not to countenance him in any such practice, & ordered a letter to be writ to the congraon of Taughboin to exhort them to continue under Mr Boid's ministry, and Mr Homes of Unrnie is to read sd letter on a Lord's day to sd congraon together with these minutes at his first conveniency.

Mr Will. Gray separats himself.

Adjourned to 4 *A. Merid.* Concluded with Prayer.

Die Ven. Decembr 29, *Hora* 4 *a merid. post preces Sedt &c.*

Sessio 5ta.

The consideraon of the complaint tabled by Mr Thos Harvy and Mr Ninian Cochran was resumed, and all parties were fully heard & removed; and then the Synod considered this cause, & came to the following resolution, that, notwithstanding we cannot approve the conduct of the preby of Derry who appointed supplies to the people of Letrim in contradiction to the resolution of the Synod of Derry, dissolving that erection, yet in regard it appears to us that these Brethn had not access to be heard before the sentence, they being both under afflicting circumstances & not able to attend; & that it does not appear to us that it would be for edificacon & the peace of that preby to continue these Brethn under that censure which they have lain above 4 months; therefore this Synod resolves to relieve them from sd censure, & accordingly they are hereby reponed to the full exercise of the ministerial office: This resolution was voted & approven unanimously.

Mr Thos Harvey and Mr Ninian Cochran.

A Letter from the Revd Marrs Saml Halliday and Michael Bruce directed to this Synod was read; they therein desire in name of the preby of Antrim Coppies of all records, minutes and other papers belonging to this Synod before the year 1726. The Synod considering that they are a Synod *pro re nata*, and few in number, cannot take upon them to order any such coppies, but have resolved to lay that Letter before the Genrl Synod to meet in June next, to wh it properly belongs to consider of this affair. Mr Mackay is ordered to give an answer to sd letter according to the purport of this minute.

Preby. of Antrim.

Two Letters from Mr Henry of Drogheda were communicated to

Mr Henry of Drogheda.

this Synod, wherein he complains of great Deficiencies both of the contributions ordered for his Meetinghouse, and of the publick fund for his support, promised by the Synod. The Synod taking these affairs into their most serious consideracon resolved that a pressing Letter be writt to the Synod of Belfast wh is to meet soon, that they may order the speedy payment of whatever is due within their bounds to Mr Henry. Mr Lang is to write sd Letter, also that a Letter be writt to the other prebys. that they use their utmost diligence that such of their members as have not contributed to Drogheda Meeting-house may with all possible speed make collections as before ordered by several Genrl Synods, and send them to Mr Henry; Mr Mackay is ordered to to write sd Letters.

Comm. The Comm. appointed to bring in a Draught of an Address to the Lord Lieutenant brought in sd Address which was read and approven and ordered to be sent to Mr Iredell.

Clerk. The Synod ordered our Treasurer to pay one Shill. to our Clerk out of the R.D. of each Minr.

WILL. MACKAY, C.S.G.

A General Synod at Dungannon, June 18th, 1728.

Sedt:—

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Derry Preby.		Armagh Preby.	
Jon Harvey, Senr	Jon Wilson	Jon. Hutcheson	David Johnston
Jon Stirling	Will. Buchanan	Geo. Lang.	Jam. Tod
Hance Stewart	Mr Stephenson	Gilb. Kennedy	Will. Mulligan
Tho. Harvey	Tho. Cochran	Jam. Fleming	Jon. Anderson
Robt. Higginbothom	David Henry	Jam. Johnston	Dav. Taylor
Saml Ross		Jon. Menagh	Will. Andrews
		Geo. Cherry	Mr Baxter
Bangor Preby.		Jon. King	Will. McKie
		Will. Dick	Jam. McMechan
Jam. M'Calpin	Robt. Robison	Robt. Thomson	Jam. Hills
Jam. Stewart			
		Strabane Preby.	
Killyleagh Preby.			
		Jon Ball	Mr Kinkead
Patrick Bruce	Will. Davison	Victor Ferguson	Mr Love
Hugh Williamson	Will. Byars	Isaac Taylor	
		Jos. Hemphill	Will. Stinson
Templepatrick Preby.		Colerain Preby.	
Jam. Cobham	Jam. Fairris	Chas Lind	Matt. Longwill
Alex. Brown	Mr Adair	Will. Boyd	David M'Lelan
Will. Livingston	Jam. Gibson	Robt. McBride	Jam. Brown
Jam. Fraser	Will. M'Gown	Jon Cochran	Robt. Stewart
Robt. McMaster	Jam. McIlvain	Saml Dunlop	Math Tafts
Tim. White	David Tagart	Fran. Ross	Jon. Gray
Tho. Craford	Archd Hunter	Jos Or	Jon Mulligan
Jon Hasty	Will. Brown	Jon Hill	Jon. Hart
		Jon Thomson	Mr Ramage

Monaghan Preby.

Bapt. Boid
Hum. Thomson
Jos. Cornwall
Alex. Fleming
Pat. Plunket
Sam. Irwin
Jon. Carlisle
And. Dean
Will. Sloan
Math. Chalmers
Neth. Glasgow

Mr Wilson
Mr Maxwell
Mr Strean
Mr M'Cullogh
Jam. Boid
Jam. Knox

Mr Barclay
Will. Wigtown

Tyrowen Preby.

Hen. Crooks
Tho. Kennedy
Jon. M'Clave
Tho. Mulligan
Hugh Wallace
Robt. Thomson
Jon. Kennedy
Nath. Cochran
Jam. Dykes
Robt. Stewart
Jam. Orr

Alex. Knox
Capt. Stinson
Jon. Anderson
Robt. M'Clean
Will. Car
Jon. Barclay
Mr Agnew
Sam. Campbell
Jon. Jordan
Jam. English
Jam. Murray

Dublin Preby.

Jam. Teat
Hugh Henry
Tho. Macquay
Sam. Hemphill
Will. Patton
Jam. Bond
Will. Wilson

Jon. McKie

Mr Beaty

Jon. McKinlor

Letterkenny Preby

Fran. Laird
David Fairley
Jam. Cochran
John Homes

Capt. Henderson

Will Moor

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Will. Cornwall.
Jon. Riddel.
Will. Mackay, Clerk.

The former Modr desireing that a new Modr might be chosen, a Leet of the following Brethn was proposed, one of whome may be chosen Modr to this Synod, viz Mr James Cobham, Mr Fairly, Mr Saml Ross, Mr James Stewart, Mr Pat. Bruce, Mr Fleming, Mr Isaac Taylor, Mr McBride, Mr Jas. Cornwall, Mr Maquay, Mr Crooks, Mr Brown, Mr McCalpin; and these Brethn being heard and removed, and the vote put, Mr McBride was chosen Modr by plurality of voices, and Mr Mackay was continued clerk. Moderator Chosen. Clerk.

Ordered that the sevrl Prebys return their members for the sevrl Comm. viz. of Overtures Bills for reviseing the Synod Books, and for the fund to next Sedt.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet here for prayer at 7 of the clock to-morrow morning and continue in prayer till ten. Appointment.

Derry Presby report that they licensed Mr. John Magachin and that he subscribed the confession of Faith according to order. Licensed.

Ardmagh Presby report that Mr. Moses Chery died in November, 1727, and that they ordained Mr. Robert Thomson at Belirony May 14, 1728, and that he subscribed the confession of Faith according to order, and that they have Mr. Gilb. Kennedy Junr on first tryals. Dead. Ordained.

Rout Presby report that Mr. Robert Haltridge, died December 22, 1727, and that they ordained Mr. John Hill at Glenone December 19, 1727, and Mr. John Thomson at Makasky, December 21, they both subscribed the confession of Faith according to order, and that they installed Mr. Lind at Colerain. Dead.

Ordained. Monaghan Presby report that they ordained Mr. Will Sloan at Glentubritt April 3, and that he subscribed the confession of Faith according to order, and that they licensed Mr. John Gibson, and that he subscribed the confession of Faith according to order.

Licensed. Tyrown Presby report that they licensed Mr Alexander Saunderson and that he subscribed according to order.

Bangor Presby report that they have entered on 2d tryals Mr Samuel Fergie, and Mr Robert Cuningham.

Killileagh Presby report that they design to enter Mr Thomas Reid on first tryals.

Dead. Templepatrick Presby report that Mr William Taylor died in November, 1727 and that they have Mr William Henderson and Mr John Thompson on first tryals.

Licensed. Strabane Presby report that they have licensed Mr John Homes and Mr John Maxwell and that they subscribed the Confession of Faith according to order.

Letterkenny Presby report that they have Mr James Smith on second tryals. Adjourned to 10 *mane*, concluded with prayer.

Sessio 24a. *Die Mer. June* 19 *Hora* 10ma *mane post preces Sedt &c.*

Then time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

The Sevrl Presbys returned the names of their members for the sevrl Commm. according to appointment; these Commm. are to meet in the usual places in the intervalls of the Synod. These following brethern were absent from last Genrl Synod and are not excused viz Mr Ninian Cochran, Mr Strawbridge, Mr Will Holmes, Mr Nehem. Donaldson, and Mr Robert Craighead. Absents.

Excused. These following brethn being absent from this Synod are excued for reasons now offered viz. Mr Ninian Cochran, Mr Will. Cuningham, Mr Andrew Ferguson, Mr Henry Hamilton, Mr John Malcom, Mr Char. Mastertown, Mr Seaton, Mr Montgomery, Mr James Bruce, Mr James Reid, Mr Leech, Mr Creighton, Mr Thos Cobham, Mr Cathcart, Mr Will Thompson, Mr Archd M'Clain, Senior, Mr Char. Wallace, Mr Robert Rainey, Mr Gordon, Mr Allen, Mr Will Holmes, Mr Alexander M'Rackan, Mr Clerk, Mr Neil, Mr Porter, Mr Jas Thomson, Mr Irdell, Mr Samuel Henry, Mr Seth Drumond, and Mr Samuel Dunlop.

Absents not excused. These Brethn being absent are not excused viz. Mr Winsley, Mr Thomas Harvey, Junior, Mr Strawbridge, Mr Gaudie, Mr Biggart, Mr James Moor, Mr Alexr Hamilton, Mr Smith, Mr Jas White, Mr Robert Sinclar, Mr Archibald McClain, Junior, Mr Donaldson, Mr Hair, Mr Thomas M'Clain, Mr John Algio, Mr Robert Craighead, Mr Pat. Vannce, Mr John Riddell.

Mr Murdoch The sevrl Presbys are ordered to take particular care that such Ministers as have not contributed to Mr Willm Murdochs support may transmitt sd contributions to him with all possible speed and that the Presbys report their diligence to next general Synod.

Mr Fraser and Mr Crafford are to meet at Mrs Craffords on the last Monday of July and to search Mr Craffords papers and what records belonging to this Synod they shall find among them they are to transmitt to Mr Lang who is to transmitt them to our Clerk. Records.

It is also ordered that if any of our ancient records which concern the whole Church which may be in the hands of any Presby or particular minr, they be sent to the Clerk of this Synod and that every Presby take care of this affair.

The sevrl Presbys are to return the names of their members for the Genrl Synods fixt Comm̄. to next Sedt.

The Presby of Monaghan report that they had used all possible diligence in dealing wt the people of Augher to pay some arrears due to Mr Cornwall and that that people offered to state accounts with Mr Cornwall at any time, this matter was referred to a Comm. who are to converae with Mrs Cornwall, the Presby of Monaghan aud the people of Augher who are here, and make report. Mrs Cornwall.

Mrs Moor's affair was issued by the Comm. to which it was referred last year. Mrs Moor.

Mr Will. Boid reports that he joined himself to the Presby of Rout, at their first Sedt after last Genrl Synod.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Concluded wh Prayer.

Die Mer. Hora 5 post merid. post preces Sedt &c. Sessio 3tia

Next Synod is appointed to meet at Dungannon the 3rd Tuesday of June 1729 Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon. Time and place of next Synod.

Appeared from Aghadowy Mathew Tuft Comr setting forth in a supplicaon the sinking state of that congraon and praying for some assistance out of the Fund to snpport their minr they also pray for some help from this Synod to build their meeting house this case was considered and the first branch of their supplicaon for a part of the Fund to support their minr was referred to the Comm. of Funds, as to the other branch of their supplicaon it is recommended to such as they shall apply to, to contribute to their assistance in building their meeting house. Aghadowy.

From Ushers key appeared Mr Hugh Wallace Comr supplicating that they be be allowed to call up such supplies from the Presbys belonging to this Synod as they may think expedient from time to time untill next Genrl Synod & that the Genrl Synods Comm. may be impowered finally to determine in any call they shall give to any gent to be their Pastor; the supplicacon was considered and after reasoning it was resolved 1st That we grant Ushers key such supplies as they shall desire from time to time and it is recommended to the Presby of Dublin and sd congregacon that they give 15 days warning to the first supplier which they shall call up and a month to the following. 2. In case they shall fix upon any minr of this Church and an appeal sho'd be lodged from the senteuce of the Presby to wh he belongs, the Genrl Synod shall be called to meet *pro re nata* to Judge and finally to determine sd affair, the Synod is to be called by our Modr uppon applicacon from the Presby of Dublin or the party aggrieved. Ushers key.

Plunkett Street.

The Revd Mr Macquay desired of the Synod that the congrn of Plunkett Street might also have liberty granted to call up with the consent of the Presby of Dublin any Ministers or Probationers from the North to supply sd Congregacon from time to time till next Gen^{rl} Synod the Synod granted this request.

The Several Presbys returned their members for the Gen^{rl} Synods Comm. as follows.

General Synod's fixt Comm.

Ardmagh Mr John Hutcheson, Mr Gilb. Kennedy, Mr Mackay and David Johnston, Elder. Tyrown Mr Thos Kennedy, Mr Robert Thomson, Mr Nath. Cochran and Mr Agnew, Elder. Bangor, Mr James Moor, Mr Arch^{d} Dickson, & Mr Andrew Agnew, Elder. Killileagh, Mr Shanon, Mr Reid, and Andrew Laurie, Elder. Templepatrick Mr Fraser, Mr James White and Charles Johnston, Elder. Strabane; Mr Ferguson, Mr Donaldson and Mr Hugh Moor, Elder. Rout; M^{r} McBride, Mr Lind, Mr John Hill, and Mr Gawin Steel, Elder. Monaghan: Mr Joseph Cornwall, Mr Thos McClain, & Thos Harvey, Elder. Dublin; Mr Hugh Henry, Mr William Wilson, & Robt Callen, Elder. Letterkenny; Mr Fairly, Mr John Holmes, and James Smith, Elder. Derry; Mr Ross, Mr Murray, and Mr Thomas Cochran, Elder.

They are to be called by our Mod^{r} upon Emergents to meet at Dungannon 15 to be a quorum 12 whereof to be ministers.

Mr Teat.

Complaint was made that many Min^{rs} have not paid one shill allowed Mr Teat for service done to this Church; it is agreed that Mr Teat shall draw a list of such as are deficient and give it to our Clerk who is to sign sd list and give it to our Treasurer, and he is hereby ordered to deduct one shill from each minister's share of R. D. returned in sd list & pay the same at Mr Teat's order & Mr Teat is ordered to pay Mr Robert Thomson £5 of the fund in his hand. Mr Teat is at his earnest desire reannexed to the Presby of Monaghan he not being able to attend the meeting of the Presby of Dublin on account of his great distance from that city.

Mr Samuel Henry.

A letter to the Synod from Mr Samuel Henry of Abbyboil representing his discourageing circumstances & complaining of great arrears of the Fund, also asking the Synods direction, and advice was read, resolved that what concerns the fund be referred to the Comm. for the Fund.

Synod of Derry Book.

The Revisers of the Records of the Synod of Derry report that they revised sd records and remarked that the late Mod^{r} of the Synod of Derry had called that Synod to meet *pro re nata* when the present Mod^{r} had not refused to call them and that the late Modrs conduct in that affair was approven by that Synod. The Synod considered this case and reasoned upon it for some time and then came to the following resolution that no other person but their present Moderator ought to have called that Synod unless he had refused to call it and do warn all our Judicatories not to draw that practice into a president lest it prove of dangerous consequence to this Church but we do not hereby intend to invalidate the Acts of that Synod.

The affair of Mr Gray and the Congregacon of Taughboin having been referred by the Genrl Synod which mett here in Decemr last *pro re nata* to this Synod the minutes of that Synod were read and this Synod referred it to the Comm. of Overtures to prepare overtures on that affair and lay them before this Synod.

Adjourned to 10 *mane*, Concluded with prayer.

Die Jov. Jun. 20 *Hora* 10*ma* *Ante Merid. post preces Sedt &c.* Sessio 4ta.

The Revisers of the Records of the Synod of Ardmagh report that they revised sd Records, and did remark that that Synod had not called the absents to account, that Synod replyed that indeed a good number were absent, and that they had written circular letters to their Presbys complaining of the negligence of their members, & exhorting them to more punctual attendance for the future, this was remarked in the book and the book was approven. Synod Books approven.

The Revisers of the Records of the Synod of Belfast report that they revised sd Records and do approve them and so doth this Synod.

The letter from the Synod *pro re nata* to Taughboin congregacon was read to them by Mr Will Holmes.

From the newly erected congregacon at Antrim appeared Mr Robert Rainey and David White Comrs setting forth in their supplicacon their gratefull sence of the Synods kindness in recommending their case to the several congregacons & that sevrl congregacons have contributed to their assistance, but that some are yett deficient, this Synod does earnestly recommend it to these congregacons who have not contributed to their assistance to do it with all possible expedition. Antrim.

From Clandevadog appeared Anth. Lawson Comr setting forth in their supplicacon their deplorable circumstances by reason of their inability to support the Gospell among them and praying for relief out of the Fund their case was referred to the Comm. of Funds. Clandevadog.

The supplicacon of Thomas Paxton was read he therein setts forth his afflicting circumstances by reason of his great poverty old age and many infirmities of body wh he labours under, the supplicacon was considered & it was agreed to, that each congregacon shall give him a minimum one shill one penny for his present relief, sd money to be sent to Mr. Hutcheson of Ardmagh for his use from the first meeting of each Presby dureing his natural life. Thomas Paxton.

From Sligo appeared Robert Cunningham &c. Comrs setting forth in their supplicacon that they have given a call to Mr. James Smith a Probationer and that they are not able to support him without the assistance of this Synod & earnestly praying for some support out of the Fund this case was referred to the Comm of Funds. Sligo.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Die Jov. Jun. 20 *Hora* 5*ta* *A merid post preces Sedt &c.* Sessio 5ta.

The Comm. of overtures brought in their overtures upon the affair of Mr. Gray and Taughboin committed to them which was read & after

reasoning it was read again & is in these words—Whereas the Rev Mr Will Gray has been guilty of many irregular practices in the congregacon of Taughboin and when the judicatories of this Church began to enquire into his conduct, did in December last causlesly and unjustly seperate himself from all our judicatories, & whereas he has since openly acted the part of an intruder into that congregacon by getting a Meeting house built in St. Johnstone publickly exercising his ministry there contrary to the Solemn obligations he came under at his ordination and lately renewed before the Presby of Derry of a steady subjection to his brethern as well as the happy constitution of this Church to the dishonour of our holy profession the scandall of the godly the great obstruction of the peace and edificacon of that congregacon the alienacon of affection even among nearest relations in the same and the weakening of Mr. Boids hands in his ministerial work who was regularly settled there by this Church.

Mr Gray suspended.

It is therefore humbly overtured that the sd Mr. Will Gray be suspended from the exercise of his ministerial office in all the parts of it and after long reasoning the question was put shall we suspend Mr. Gray from the exercise of his ministerial office or not? & it carried suspend & he is hereby suspended accordingly, and after further reasoning it was moved & agreed to that a Comm. of the following members viz Mr Gilbert Kennedy, Mr Thomas Kennedy, Mr Humphrey Thomson, Mr Laird, Mr Brown, and Captain Henderson, shall prepare instructions for any Comm. who shall be appointed to try Mr Grays affair.

Adjourned to 9 *mane*—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 6ta.

Die Ven. Jun: 21 *Hord* 9 *Ante Merid post preces Sedt &c.*

The Synod resumed the consideracon of Mr Grays affair and read the instructions prepared by the Comm. and after reasoning they were read again and are in these words

Instructions to the Committee upon Mr Gray's affair.

1st That in case Mr Gray shall surcease the exercise of his Ministry as soon as he shall be regularly informed of the act of this Synod suspending him, and shall under his hand profess his repentance for his irregular conduct in time past & promise submission to the judicatories of this Church & that he shall not exercise his ministry in any part of the parish of Taughboin or Killea without the consent of Mr Boid and his session or in any other congregacon within the bounds of this Generl Synod but under the direction of some of the judicatories of this Church, then and in that case the Comm. is impowered to take off the suspension now inflicted by this General Synod & restore him to the capacity of exercising his Ministry as he shall be thereunto regularly called—

2nd That in case Mr Gray shall not receive the Synods letter intimating to him the suspension inflicted on him by this Synod or refuse to receive sd letter, then and in that case the publication of sd suspension in Mr Will Boid's Pulpitt by such Minister as this Synod shall nominate shall be esteemed by the Comm. a sufficient regular information—

3rd In case Mr Gray does not submitt to the suspension now inflicted, then the Comm. shall proceed without further delay to depose him from the office of the Holy Ministry and every part of it.

4 That in case the Synods Comm. shall see cause to depose Mr Gray they shall at the same time declare that such people as shall after sd deposition adhere to Mr Gray shall be looked upon as highly scandelous and disorderly & none of our community, & that sd declaracon be published from Mr Boid's Pulpitt on a Sabbath day soon after.

5 That in case the Comm. find cause to depose Mr Gray then it's left to that Comm. to order the publishing sd sentence of deposition, & the declaracon against these who shall adhere to him in what places they shall think expedient.

These Instructions were voted and approven.

Comm to meet at Strabane.

Then the Synod proceeded to appoint a select Comm. to try and issue that affair and determine therein according to these Instructions, the sd Comm. to consist of the following Members viz. Mr Seth Drumond, Mr Laird, Mr Fairly, Mr Ball Mr William Homes, Mr Isaac Taylor, Mr Victor Ferguson, Mr Stirling, Mr Samuel Ross, Mr Andrew Ferguson, Mr Winsley, Mr McBride, Mr John Cochran, Mr John Thomson, Mr Robert Thomson, Mr Nath. Cochran, Mr James Dykes, Mr Timothy White, Mr Brown, Mr Robert McMaster, Mr Baptist Byid, Mr Samuel Irwin, and Mr Carlisle, & each Minr to endeavour to bring an Elder, Eleven Minirs & 3 Elders to be a quorum, this Comm. is to meet at Strabane, the last Wednesday of July at 10 of the Clock in the forenoon this was voted and approven.

Letter to Mr Gray.

Mr Hutchison & Mr Lang are to write the letter to MrGray which was brought in read and approven and Mr Samuel Ross is hereby appointed to read the minutes of this Synod relateing to the affair of Mr Gray & Taughboin and to intimate Mr Gray's suspension in Mr Boids Pulpitt.

Mr Robert Wilsons case referred to the Comm. at Strabane.

A reference from the Synod of Derry of an affair depending before that Synod concerning Mr Robert Wilson (the minute of that Synod being read) came orderly before this Synod. Mr Wilson appeared and proposed that he is satisfyed that the process commenced against him some time ago by the Presby of Letterkenny may be regularly issued by that Presby. Mr Wilson was heard as also the Preby of Letterkenny, and after long reasoning a question was offered, whether Mr Wilson's affair shall be tryed and issued by the preby of Letterkenny with correspondents from the sevl prebys of the Synod of Derry or by the select Comm. wh is appointed to meet at Strabane upon Taughboin affair? and the vote being put it carried referr sd cause to sd select Comm. by a great majority, and the preby of Letterkenny are to attend said Comm. and give all the light they can in that affair, and Mr Wilson was cited by our Modr from the pulpitt to attend sd Comm. upon the last Wednesday of July next.

Mr John Elder.

Our Clerk reports that he lately received a Letter from Mr John Elder desireing that his name might not be called any more in our Rolls for that he and his people had joined themselves to the Preby of Antrim.

The Synod agreed that a letter be written to Mr Elder's people which was drawn, read & approven; also a Letter was appointed to be written to the people of Killead, wh was done accordingly.

Mrs Cornwall.

The Comm. who were appointed to converse with Mrs Cornwall, the preby of Monaghan and people of Augher report that it is their opinion that sd congracon owe £10 by a stated account to Mr Cornwall and that sd money ought to be paid him, it is earnestly recommended to the preby of Monaghan to see justice done to Mrs Cornwall, and they are to be accountable to the Synod of Monaghan at their first meeting.

The letter from the Presby of Antrim to the Genrl Synod *pro re nata* wh mett in December last referred to Interloqr.

Mr. Higginbothom.

Complaint was made by some members of the Presby of Rout that Mr Higginbothom since the Genl Synod *pro re nata* had used some expressions that were offensive to them & their people, this matter was referred to a Comm. who are to converse with Mr Higginbothom and make report this Synod wh Commm. being returned report that Mr Higginbothom sett forth to them that whatever expressions of that nature he had used were in a conversation wherein he had occasion by way of history to represent some matters that had been debated between him and the Presby of Rout and that if any expressions had dropt from him that might be offensive to any of his Brethn or any other he is sorry for it and resolves to carry cautiously for the future Mr Higginbothom agreed to this representacon and promised to be more cautious in time coming. Mr Brown and Mr Livingston are to draw letters to the several sessions of Colerain which were drawn read and approven.

Bellykelly and Bovevy.

A supplicaon from the session of Ballykelly a supplicaon from the session of Bovevy were read these sessions sett forth that they are uneasy on account of Mr Higginbothoms being a member of the Presby of Derry to wh they belong & earnestly desire that he may be disjoined from sd Presby Mr Gilbert Kennedy and Captain Henderson are appointed to converse with the Comrs from Bellykelly and Bovevy sessions and report to this Synod.

Adam Henry Comr from Turbitt appeared and sett forth in a supplicaon the weakness of that congregacon & pleads for the performance of the Synods promise of £20 ℔ ann. out of the fund, the Synod agrees that £20 ℔ annum out of the fund be paid them.

Overture transmitted.

A overture from the Commm. of Overtures was laid before the Synod in these words this Synod observing that many brethn are absent and have sent no excuse. It is our opinion that it be overtured that whosoever shall be absent from this Genrl Synod hereafter without a reasonable excuse notifyed to the Synod or who being present shall go away without leave shall for the first offence be suspended one Lord's day & for the 2nd offence 2 Lord's days the sd sentence to be intimated to the person or persons so offending in writing by order of the Synod. This overture to be transmitted to the sevrl Presbys to be under their consideracon till next Generl Synod and that each Presby shall then be ready to give their sentiments of sd overtures it was agreed to transmitt said overtures accordingly.

Mr Gilbert Kennedy is to write to Mr McRackan to desire him to pay £3 of the Fund to Mr James Cochran of Dunfanachy.

Mr Hutcheson & Mr Lang are to write a moving letter to the several Presbys to excite then to use diligence to gett the Fund paid.

Adjourned to 3 afternoon—Concluded with prayer.

Die Ven. Jun. 21: *hora* 3 *A Merid. post preces Sedt &c.* Sessio 7ma

The Comm̃. appointed to converse wh the Comrs of Bellykelly and Bovevy report that they find these people inflexible & that no expedient which they could propose would satisfy them while Mr Higginbothom continues a member of Derry Presby. It was then moved that Mr Higginbothom be annexed to Templepatrick Presby for this ensuing year and after some conference between that Presby and Mr Higginbothom they report that they are willing to receive him as a member of their Presby for the ensuing year and the Synod agreed that Mr Higginbothom shall be a member of Templepatrick Presby for the ensueing year. Bellykelly and Bovevy.

From Clananees Edward Moor &c Comrs supplicating for supplies to that people also the supplicacon of Mr Bapt. Boid setting forth the sinking state of his congregacon (of which Clananees is a part) was read. Clananees.

It was overtured & agreed to that neither the Presby of Monaghan nor that of Tyrown shall erect Clananees into a congregacon without consent of this Genrl Synod and after long reasoning it was moved and agreed to that the Presby of Monaghan shall supply the people of Clananees as oft as they shall think fitt till next meeting of the Synod of Ardmagh provided always that that Presby shall secure the Stipend of these people who attend divine worship at Clananees to the respective minrs under whose care they are at present, and if any of the minrs of the Presby of Tyrown to whom many of these people belong shall table any complaint of such deficiency in any of their people who attend sermon at Clananees then the Presby of Monaghan shall surcease to supply them.

The Rev Mr Samuel Hemphill presented a supplicacon wh was read, he therein sett forth the sinking state of that congrn by reason of the deficiency of the Fund & some other discouragements on account of wh he desires his relacon to sd congregacon may be loosed. Also a supplicacon presented by Robert Callen &c Comrs from Castleblany was read they therein sett forth their inability to support the Gospell and that the fund promised them is not paid the Synod after some reasoning agreed to advise Mr Hemphill to continue his relation to the congraon of Castleblany one year more & they resolve to do all in their power to make the fund promised to him effectual. Mr Hemphill submitted to this advice. Mr Hemphill.

An overture from the Comm. of Overtuaes was laid before this Synod that whereas the precipitant and hasty erecting a small number of families into a congregacon is likely to prove very prejudicial to the interests of Religion and be attended with very bad consequences we

overture that no new erection be henceforth formed among us by any inferior judicatorie without the consent of this Gen^{rl} Synod, agreed that this overture be transmitted to the sev^{rl} Presbys to be under their consideracon till next Gen^{rl} Synod.

Overtures concerning the fund.

Sev^{rl} Overtures were laid before this Synod by the Comm. of Funds.

1st That in order to make the fund effectual each Min^{r} shall give his note for the sum his congraon promiseth annually to the fund at the first meeting of the sev^{rl} Presby^{s} and the notes so perfected shall be sent to Mr Bapt Boid, this was agreed to.

2nd That every Presby shall choose the Min^{r} or minrs to whom their proportion of the fund shall be paid except Mr Hugh Henry whose localities are to stand as they are already fixt and Clare is now allowed to him this year, and the Presby of Letterkenny is to pay Mr Ja^{s} Cochran £5, and the congraon of Derry is to pay him £3, Clendermont £1 Ten Shill. Faun 10 Shill this was agreed to and the Presby of Ardmagh is to take care of Mr Dicks fund, Loughbrickland is to pay Mr Henry this year's fund and afterwards he has no claim to it.

3 Overt. that the Clerk of every Presby shall bring to next Gen^{rl} Synod either a discharge from the persons who have a Locality on them or the money promised annually by the sev^{rl} Congraons agreed to.

The Comm. of Funds returned the following applotments on the Presbys.

The Congraons settled upon the fund—

Presby of	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Dublin	5	7	0	Drogheda	35	0	0
Letterkenny	7	5	0	Castleblany	14	0	0
Derry	16	7	0	Vinecash	9	0	0
Rout	13	6	0	Sligo	20	0	0
Strabane	10	1	0	Lurgan	15	0	0
Monaghan	10	12	0	Badony	7	10	0
Ardmagh	22	17	0	Loughgall	12	0	0
Tyrown	13	3	0	Dunfanachy	10	0	0
Killileagh	9	1	0	Kirkdonald	4	0	0
Bangor	22	5	0				
Templepatrick	19	9	0		153	10	0
Lisburn	4	0	0				
	153	13	0				

Drogheda is to have £12 from Derry Presby wh they formerly paid to Sligo. Sligo is to have £5 from the Presby of Killileagh. Concluded with prayer.

W^{M} MACKAY, C.S.G.

Interloquitur.

1st Complaint is made that notwtstanding the recommendations renewed from time to time in favour of Mr James Henderson of Ardmagh very little is done for his relief this Interloqr recommends it most earnestly to every Session within our bounds to give him one day's collection at least for his relief and Mr Hutcheson is ordered to write a state of his case to the several Presbyteries. James Henderson.

2nd Mr James Cobham reports that he wrote to Mr Wirling that Mr Mastertown & he wo'd meet said Mr Wirling at Mr Livingstone's to converse wt him according to appointment of this Synod and that he had received an answer from Mr Wirling wh discouraged them from attempting to converse wt him. Mr Wirling

A Supplicacon from some people in Killead was read wherein they desire that Mr Wirling may be reponed the Interloqr considered this case and agreed to referr it to the Presby of Templepatrick and ordered a letter to be written to the people of Killead, which was done accordingly.

3. A letter from Mr Colvill desireing his share of the additionall R.D. due to him as he alledges for the time he was minr at Drumore before he was received into the southren assosiaon was read, Mr Thos. Kennedy Kennedy is to draw an answer to sd letter. Mr Colvill

4. The Interloqr took into consideraon the letter from Messrs Hallyday and Bruce desireing in name of the Presby of Antrim coppys of all records in our Clerk's hands before the year 1726 Mr Hutcheson is appointed to draw an answer to sd letter. Presby of Antrim.

LETTER TO THE SEVERAL PRESBYS TO EXCITE THEM TO DILIGENCE IN PAYING THE FUND.

Revd and Dr Brethn.

The lamentable account the Synod has now received of the sinking state of divers-frontier and other weak congraons belonging to us and of the distressed condition of their worthy pastors, causeth a very sensible grief to us which we find ourselves oblidged out of a sense of our duty to lay before you and your congraons wh are in some capacity & are oblidged by their own promise to give relief to their fellow christians we think zeal for the Glory of God the preserving and propogating our holy Religion, Christian Compassion Faithfulness to our own promises—nay common justice wh binds to the payment of our Debt sho'd engage us to do our utmost for support of our Brethn. & their weak flocks wh must otherwise be dispersed, we wo'd also observe to you that no charity can be better applyed than that wh is beneficial to the souls of men & that the deficiency of some congraons is really matter of great scandal when others no richer than they contribute very liberally for such pious uses, and as this deficiency is often attributed to the want of a due zeal and care in ministers we wo'd earnestly exhort our Brethn to show themselves hearty for so good a work that this Reproach may be wiped off them, Letter to the prebys Concerning the Fund.

and wh is of greater weight the guilt of neglecting so very necessary & truely Christian a duty do not lye at our door. We expect at your first meeting you will enquire into the deficiency of any of your congraons and use your earnest endeavours to prevail wt them to lend their helping hand to a work wh the liberal Bestower of all Blessings requires of them, and not be any longer unconcerned spectators of the miseries of there fellow Christians, but rather bear a share in their Burthens as the law of Christ requires that our dear Breth^{n} and their weak flocks may bless God for the continuance of a preached Gospell through your Christian liberality.

This in name of the Synod is signed by
your very affect. B^{r} & serv^{t}

WILL. MACKAY, C.S.G.

Sermon.

A General Synod at Dungannon, June 17th, 1729.

Mr Robt. M'Bride, Mod^{r} to the former Synod opened this Synod by preaching from Acts 13. 39, and then constituted the Synod by prayer and the Roll was called.

Sed^{t}:—

Ministers.	Elders.
Bangor Presby.	
Ja^{s} Moore	John Maculloch
Robt. Cunningham	
Killyleagh Presby	
Sam. Shannon	Tho. McKibbin
John McMurray	
Templepatrick Presby.	
Wm Leech	Mr Creighton
Alex^{r} Brown	Paul Brown
Robt Higginbothom	John Houston
Ja. Creighton	Sam. Blakely
Wm Livingstone	John Blakely
Jam. Frazer	Tho. Ramage
Ja. White	
Robt McMaster	
Tim. White	
Tho. Crawford	
John Hastie	
Armagh Presby.	
Geo. Lang	John Makibbin
Gilb. Kennedy	Tho. Purdie
Robt Rainey	John Alison
Ja. Johnston	Hugh Makibbin
Wm Mackay	John McBride
Robt Gordon	Robt Moodie
Arch^{d} Maclain	And^{w} Thomson
John Menoch	And^{w} Walker

Ministers.	Elders.
Strabane Presby.	
Ja: Maxwell	David Dennie
Alex. Macrackan	Thos Burns
Joseph Hemphill	
Colerain Presby.	
Charles Linn	Tho. Wallace
Wm Boyd	Mr Ball
Robt McBride	Matt^{h} Jaque
Ja. Thomson	Mr Peebles
Robt Knox	John Mulligan
Francis Ross	John Cochran
John Or	
John Hill	
John Thomson	
Monaghan Presby	
Baptist Boyd	Alex^{r} Wilson
Humph. Thomson	Mich. Clark
Alex^{r} Fleming	Mr Mercer
Wm Hare	Homer Morro
Pat. Plunket	Robt Bar
Thos Maclain	Mr Scot
Sam. Irwin	Capt. Wilson
John Carlyle	Wm Hutchison
And. Dean	Tho. Armstrong
Matth. Chalmers	Joseph Knox
Wm Sloan	Robt Shannon
Neth. Glasgow	

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Armagh Presby.		**Dublin Presby.**	
Geo. Cherry	Hugh Hamilton		
Ja. Allan	Robt McMurray	Hugh Henry	Jam. Sharp
John King		Sam. Hemphill	Robt Callin
Wm Dick		William Paton	
Robt Thomson		Jam. Bond	
		Wm. Wilson	
Tyreowen Presby.		**Letterkenny Presby.**	
Henry Crooks	Robt Adams		
Tho. Kennedy	Jos. Ladley	Sam. Henry	Capt Henderson
John McCleave	David Chalmers	Sam. Dunlop	
Tho. Mulligan	Benj. Elder	Fran. Laird	
Hugh Wallace	John Govin		
Robt Thomson	Ja. Culton	**Derry Presby.**	
John Kennedy	John Reid		
Neth. Cochran	Edward Adams	John Harvey Senr	Wm Smith
Ja. Dykes	John Robison	Tho. Winsley	Sam. Davies
Robt Stewart	Robert Ross	John Stirling	Mr Henry
Jam. Or	John Anderson	Hans Stewart	Ja. Logan
		Tho. Harvey	Wm Thomson
		Sam. Ross	Wm Rule
		John Harvey Junr	
		Major Murray	
		Ninian Cochran	
		Wm Cunningham	
		And. Ferguson	57
		Wm Cornwall	
		83	

Then a leet of the following brethren was proposed yt one of them may be chosen Modr to this Synod, viz.: Mr Ja. Moore, Mr Charles Lind, Mr Alexr Fleming, Mr Hemphill, Mr Crooks, Mr Sam. Dunlop, Mr Sam. Ross, Mr John Harvey, Mr Alexander Brown, Mr Ja. Johnston. And these brethren being heard and removed Mr Sam. Ross was chosen Modr by plurality of voices, and Mr Mackay was continued Clk. Modr. Clerk.

Ordered yt the several Presbys return their members for the several Comm. viz. for Overtures, for Bills, for reviseing the Synod's books and for the fund to next Sedt. Comm.

Ordered yt all the members of the Synod meet here for prayer at 7 of the Clock to-morrow morning and continue in prayer till 10. prayer

Bangor Presby report yt they have since last Synod ordained Mr Robt Cuningham at Cumber October 22nd 1728 & Mr Sam. Fergie at Kilmore the day following and yt they both subscribed the confession according to order, as did also Mr Robt Gaudie whom they licensed to preach, and that Mr John Malcom dyed the 17th of May last. And yt Mr Biggar had his relacon to this Church loosed May 6th. ordained

Killeleagh report that Mr Pat Bruce had his relacon to this Church loosed the 8th of November last, & yt they design to enter Mr Alex McComb on first tryals.

Licensed and dead.

Templepatrick Presby report yt they have licens'd Mr John Thomson and Mr Wm Henderson & yt they subscribed according to order, and that they have Mr Tho. Brown on first tryals.

Armagh report yt Mr John Hutchison died the 10th Febry last & yt they have licensed Mr Gilbert Kennedy Junr who subscribed according to order & yt Mr John Wilson has left their bounds & gone to America.

Dublin Presby report that Mr Tho. Macquay died April 21st.

Colerain report that Mr Matth. Clark had his relacon to this Church loosed April 29th 1729 he is gone to America.

deposed.

Monaghan report yt Mr Ja. Teat dyed the 17th May last, and yt they had deposed Mr Jos. Cornwall December 26th for adultery confessed by himself and yt they have entered Mr Hugh Carlyle on first tryals. Some objected against this & it was agreed to refer it to the Comm. of Overtures.

Strabane report yt Mr Isaac Taylor had conform'd in May last, & yt they have Mr Sam. Hemphill and Mr Inch on first tryals

Letterkenny report that Mr Rot Wilson's suspension had been taken off by the Comm. wh met in Strabane in July last.

Adjourned to 10 *mane*—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 2.

Quo tempore Sedt qui supra. Die Mer. hora 10*ma mane.*

The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

The several Presbys return'd their members for the several Comm. viz. of Overtures, Bills for reviseing the Synod's books and for the fund according to appointment.

Absents last year.

These following brethren having been absent from the Synod last year are excused for reasons now offerred, viz., Mr Strawbridge, Mr Craghead, Mr Winsley, Mr John Harvey Junior, Mr Ja. Moore, Mr Ja. White, Mr Arch. Maclain Junior, Mr Tho. Maclain, Mr Sinclair.

Absents excused.

These following brethren being absent this year are excused for reasons now offerred, viz., Mr Gaudie, Mr Henry Hamilton, Mr Alexr Macrackan, Mr Mastertown, Mr Seaton, Mr Ja. Bruce, Mr Leech, Mr Sinclair, and Mr Wm. Thomson and Mr Iredell, Mr John Thomson, Mr Strawbridge Mr Henry Niel, Mr Sam. Dunlop, Mr John Porter, Mr Tho. Cobham, Mr Arch. Maclain Senr, Mr Char. Wallace, Mr Fleming, Mr Ja. Cochran, Mr Drumond.

not excused.

These following brethren being absent from this Synod are not excused, viz., Mr Alexr Hamilton, Mr John Algeo, Mr Pat. Vance, Mr McCalpine, Mr Dickson, Mr David Fairly, Mr John Holmes, Mr William Smith, Mr Williamson.

Charity.

Ordered yt all the minrs of this Synod who have not contributed to Mr Wm. Murdoch's support do it with all convenient speed.

Records.

Ordered yt Mr Tho. Kennedy deliver the records of the old Presby of Tyreown to our Clk and that Mr Sam. Ross transmit the

Records of the old Presby of Derry to our Clk. And also the Comm. of Overtures did overture yt some ancient Records yt are in the hands of Mr Brown or any other ancient Records that may be or are in the hands of any Minr of this Church be brought to next Genl Synod and laid before them yt they may judge how they may dispose of them for the general advantage of this Church. Agreed to.

Ordered yt the several Presbys return the names of their members for the Genl Synod's fixt Comm. to next Sedt.

Next Meeting of the Synod is appointed to be at Dungannon the 3rd Tuesday of June next. Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon. Time and place of Meeting.

Then it was agreed we shou'd resolve into Interloqr immediately.

Adjourned to 4 afternoon, Comm. to meet at 3. Concluded with prayer.

Die Mer. Horâ 4ta A Merid. post preces Sedt &c. Sessio 3tia.

The minutes of the joynt Comm. of North and South met in Newry the 12th day of March last were read.

Also the minutes of the Select Comm. met at Strabane the last Wednesday of July last by appointment of this Synod were read. By wh minutes it appears that Mr Gray had not submitted to the sentence of last Genl Synod suspending him from the exercise of the ministry & yt sd Comm. had pursuant to the instructions given them by the General Synod deposed sd Mr Gray from the exercise of the Ministry. The Synod came to consider the conduct of sd Comm. in sd affair. And after long reasoning the question was put whether sd Committe have acted agreeable to their instructions in the affair of Mr Gray or not? And it carryed yt they had acted agreeably to their instructions. Mr. Gray.

The affair of Mr Wilson of Stranorlan having been Committed to the abovesd Comm. met at Strabane the minutes of sd Comm. upon yt affair were read, by which it appears yt they had taken off the suspension from Mr Wilson. And after reasoning the question was put whether we approve the conduct of that Comm. in Mr Wilson's affair or not? And it carryed not *nemine contradicente.* Mr. Wilson

Adjourned to 8 *mane*—Concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis horâ, 8a mane, post preces, Sedt &c. Sessio 4ta.

A reference from the Presby of Templepatrick of an affair depending before yt Presby concerning the transportation of Mr McMaster from Connor to Ushers key, Dublin, the minutes of that Presby being read came orderly before this Synod. Mr McMaster.

From Ushers key appeared Messrs. John Lord, Hugh Wallace, Geo. Risk and David Reid Commrs, to prosecute their call to Mr McMaster.

Transported from Connor to Usher's Key.

From Connor appeared Jam. Dickie, Wm Harper and Sam. Blakely Comrs, to oppose the desired transportation. Then the call from Ushers key to Mr McMaster was read also the reasons offerred by the Comrs of Usher's key for the transportaon of Mr McMaster to their congregaon were read as were also the answers offerred by the Comrs of Connor to these reasons and another paper from the Comrs of Connor for supporting their answers to the reasons of Ushers key.

Then a letter from the Rev. Mr Iredell to this Synod was read wherein he pleads several reasons for Mr McMaster's transportation to Ushers key. As was also a letter from the Rev. Mr Mastertown to the Rev. Mr McBride wherein he pleads several reasons against the desired transportaon of Mr McMaster to Ushers key. Then the Comrs from Ushers key as also the Commissioners from Connor were were both fully heard. Then the Presby of Dublin having interest in this affair were heard as was also the Presby of Templepatrick the latter pleaded yt they having for weighty reasons referred this cause to this Synod might by no means preclude them of a vote in the decision of this cause & yt any rule of this Synod to that purpose ought to be considered & repealed. After some reasoning the Synod over-ruled this motion as not being seasonable at this time but consents yt the motion of that Presby shou'd stand in our records. And then proceeded in the affair of the transportaon, and called Mr McMaster, and he was heard. Then all parties were removed and the Brethren's judgment was severally asked, and after long reasoning the Synod having maturely weighed what was offerred by all parties as also the circumstances of both places, the question was stated shall we transport Mr McMaster from Connor to Usher's key or not? And Mr Lang was appointed to call upon God for light in this affair, & the parties were called in to joyn in prayer: after prayer the parties being removed, the question was put, and it carryed transport, by a great majority, & the parties were called and the sentence intimated to them, & the people of Connor were exhorted to acquiese in it, & to submit to it.

Mr Wm. Cornwall is ordered to be annexed to the Presby of Tyreowen, & for this end to get Testimonials from the Presby of Derry.

The case of Cumber referred to the Comm. of Funds.

Adjourned to 4 afternoon—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 5ta

Die Jovis June 19th *hora* 4ta *A Merid. post preces Sedt &c.*

Usher's key.

The affair of Usher's key was resumed & it was moved and agreed to yt Mr McMaster shall go to Usher's key against the last Sabbath of July at farthest & that the Presby of Dublin shall install him in Usher's key against the latter end of August.

Armagh.

From Armagh appeared Mrs William McMechan, Geo. Bannerman, and Rot Scot Comrs supplicating for supplies from this Synod, the Synod considered their supplicaon and agreed that the Congregaon of Armagh with the consent of the Presby of Armagh shall be & is

hereby impowered to call such supplies from the several Presbys as they shall think fit from time to time till next Gen[l] Synod.

From Bangor appeared M[r] Teat Com[r] supplicating for supplies from this Synod for 4 months from the first of July next. This Synod considered their supplicaon and agreed that M[r] Tim. White shall supply Bangor the moneth of July, M[r] Lang the moneth of August, M[r] John Cochran of Killraghts the moneth of 7ber, M[r] Gilb. Kennedy, junior, the moneth of October, and the several Presby[s] to which these min[rs] belong shall supply their Congregaons and if M[r] Lang can't supply Bangor all the moneth of August his Presby shall provide supplies for them the rest of that moneth. Bangor.

From Holywood appeared Matth. Russell Com[r] supplicating y[t] whereas they have given a call to a Probationer and can advance only 17 pounds ℔ annum at present that this Synod wou'd grant them some assistance out of the Fund. The Synod considering the sinking state of the fund & being willing to assist Holywood as far as in their power, agreed to recommend it to the Presby[s] of Bangor, Templepatrick, Tyreowen & Armagh to endeavour to raise a fund by private subscriptions among themselves for the support of Holywood and these Presby[s] are to return an account of their subscriptions to the Presby of Bangor from their first Sed[t]. Holywood.

A supplicaon from Coagh was read wherein they desire y[t] some Probationers viz.: M[r] Gibson from Monaghan Presby, M[r] W[m] Homes from Strabane presby, M[r] John Cochran from Derry presby may supply them the moneths of July, Aug[t], & October next. Agreed to. Coagh.

A reference from the presby of Monaghan relateing to the transportation of M[r] Chalmers from Drum congregaon to the congregaon of Plunket street, Dublin, the minutes of y[t] preby being read came orderly before this Synod. Plunket Street.

From the congregaon of Plunket street appeared Messrs. Cuthbert, Sinclair, &c., Com[rs] to prosecute their call to M[r] Chalmers. Their call to M[r] Chalmers was read & then the reasons offerred by Plunket street Com[rs] for the desired transportation were read.

From Drum appeared M[rs] Johnston & Woods Com[rs]; they earnestly supplicate y[t] the desired transportation may not be granted. As also their answers to the reasons offerred by Plunket street for the desired transportation were read. Then a letter from the Rev[d] M[r] Iredell shewing the concurrence of the presby of Dublin with and the unanimity of the Congregaon of Plunket street in the call to M[r] Chalmers was read; also a letter from some members of the congregaon of Plunket street declaring their dissent from the call of major part of y[t] congregaon to M[r] Chalmers alleging their being not sufficiently acquainted with him, was read. Transport Mr Chalmers from Drum to Plunket Street.

The Com[rs] from Plunket street were fully heard, they were inquired at what maintenance they propose to give to M[r] Chalmers; they answered they wou'd give seventy pounds ℔ annum & a dwelling-house. The Com[rs] from Drum were also fully heard, and the members of Monaghan and Dublin presby[s] being parties in this cause,

and lastly Mr. Chalmers was called upon & heard, & all parties were removed & the Synod came to consider this cause, and after long reasoning & having maturely weighed what was offerred and alleged by the several parties a state of the question was offerred shall we transport Mr Chalmers from Drum to Plunket street or not? And Mr Biggar was appointed to call upon God for light, & the parties were called in: After prayer parties were removed & the question was put: it carried transport. Parties were called, & the sentence intimated to them, and the case of Drum was recommended to the Comm. of funds, & the Synod resolves to grant them some assistance from the fund.

Then it was moved and agreed to that Mr Chalmers shall go to Plunket street against the midst of July, if he can, or at farthest against the latter end of that month, & is to administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper then, & is to be installed by the presby of Dublin against the latter end of August. And a letter was appointed to be written to the Gent. who dissent from the call of Plunket street to Mr Chalmers.

Supplies.

And then the Comrs from Plunket street moved yt they might be allowed to call such supplies from the presbys in the North as they with consent & advice of the presby of Dublin shall from time to time think fit: their supplicaon was granted.

Adjourned to 8 *mane*: Concluded with prayer.

Die Ven. June 20; *Hora* 8a *Mane, post preces Sedt &c.*

A supplicaon from Drumbo was read, they therein earnestly desire that they may be disjoyned from Killeleagh presby & put under the care of Bangor presby. The Synod agrees yt they shall be under the care of Bangor presby till they be planted & then they shall be rejoined to Killeleagh presby.

The minutes of the presby of Dublin referring the affair of Mr Hemphill's transportaon from Castleblaney to the new congregaon of Antrim were read, that cause comes orderly before this Synod.

Mr. Hemphill continued at Castleblayney

From the new Congregaon of Antrim appeared Messrs Thom. Jackson, Robt. Rainey & John Finlay, Comrs to prosecute their call to Mr Hemphill. Then their call to Mr Hemphill was read, as was also a paper containing several reasons for Mr Hemphill's transportaon from Castleblaney to Antrim.

From Castleblaney appeared Robt. Collins & Wm Dunlop Comrs to oppose the desired transportaon. They offerred a paper containing answers to the reasons offerred by Antrim Congregaon for the transportaon which was read. Then a supplicaon from Antrim was read earnestly pleading for the desired transportaon. The Comrs from Antrim were fully heard, as were also the Comrs from Castleblaney; as also a letter from the Right Honble the Lord Blaney to this Synod was read, wherein his Lordship sets forth his earnest desire that Mr Hemphill may be continued in Castleblaney. Then the presby of Templepatrick was heard as also the presby of Dublin, being parties in this cause. Mr Hemphill was called upon & heard; and it was then

moved & agreed to that it would be more proper y^{t} a min^{r} be appointed to call upon God by prayer for light in this affair before our reasoning upon it, than after; & Hum. Thomson was appointed to pray, & after prayer all parties were removed, & then the members reasoned upon the cause for a considerable time; then it was moved and agreed to y^{t} in case Mr Hemphill be continued with Castleblayney the Synod will use their best endeavours to make the fund promised to Castleblaney effectual.

The Synod having considered what was offerred by the several parties, the question was stated shall we transport Mr Hemphill from Castleblaney to Antrim or not? And the question being put, it carryed unanimously, not; and the parties were called and this sentence intimated to them and Mr Jam. Johnston and Mr Dunlop are appointed to draw an answer to the Lord Blaney's letter.

Ordered yt Clare shall pay their last year's fund to Drogheda, and for the future to pay their fund to Vinicash and Loughbrickland to pay their fund to Drogheda. Fund.

Ordered y^{t} Mr Francis Ross shall have ten pounds of the fund raised by the Presby of Root.

It was moved and agreed to that the Congregaon of Dunmurry shall be put under the care of the Presby of Templepatrick if they shall desire it by a regular applicaon to that Presby and that Mr Thom. Crighton shall supply them the 2nd and 4th Sabbaths hence. Dunmurry

Mr Sam. Henry sets forth yt he has supplyed Moywater very frequently these two years past & earnestly prays y^{t} the fund promised to Moywater during their vacancy to pay their supplies may be allowed him for these two years. It was recommended to these Presbys where and by whom sd money for paying the supplyers of Moywater is due to take care to get sd money and to give it to Mr Henry. Moywater.

Ordered also y^{t} the Congregaon of Moywater shall have ten pounds ℔ annum out of the fund when they shall be planted.

The Com^{rs} from Antrim earnestly supplicat yt Mr Gilb. Kennedy, junior, may be appointed to supply them the moneth of 7ber, Mr Jam. Macurdy from Colerain the moneth of October, Mr Hugh Thomson from Derry the moneth of August, and Mr William Homes, junior, from Strabane the moneth of November. Their supplicaon is granted. These Comm^{rs} undertake to give One pound ten shill. ℔ moneth besides entertainm^{t} for man and horse to their supplyers. Antrim.

Ordered y^{t} Mr Tho. Kennedy write to Mr Iredell to desire him to use his best endeavours to influence the Congregaons of Caple Street, Plunket Street and Ushers key to contribute an annual collection to the fund.

The Revisers of the Synod books having returned no regular report that matter is referred till next year.

The several Presbys returned their members for the Genl Synod's fixt Committee as follows.

Fixt Comm.

From Bangor Mr Ja. Stewart, Mr Rot Cuningham & Mr Craford of Crawfordsburn Elder. Killeleagh, Mr Ja. Reid, Mr McMurray and Tho. McKibbin, Elder. Templepatrick, Mr Ja. White, Mr Tho. Craford and Char. Johnston, Elder. Armagh, Mr Lang, Mr Mackay, and Mr Cherry, & Mr Quintin Scot, Elder. Strabane, Mr Ball, Mr Joseph Hemphill, and Mr Hugh Moor, Elder. Colerain, Mr McBride, Mr John Thomson, and Mr Gawin Steel, Elder. Monaghan, Mr Hum. Thomson, Mr And. Dean, & Mr Jos Strean, Elder. Dublin, Mr Hemphill and Mr McMaster and Mr Crook, Elder. Tyreowen, Mr Tho. Kennedy, Mr Mulligan and Mr Nethan Cochran and Mr Somerill, Elder. Letterkenny, Mr Laird, Mr Fairly and Captain Henderson, Elder. Derry, Mr Major Murray, Mr Ninian Cochran, Mr Sam. Ross, and Mr Tho. Cochran, Elder.

They are to be called by our Modr upon emergents to meet at Dungannon 15 to be a quorum 12 whereof to be minrs.

Mr Robt. Wilson's case was considered, & and after reasoning it was moved and agreed to yt he be continued under the suspension yt the presby of Letterkenny shall intimat this to him and recall his testimonials; and if he return his testimonials then a proportion of R.D. shall be consigned to Mr Laird for the use of Mr Wilson's wife, and the arrears of ordinary R.D. to be paid to her.

The securities for our Treasurer are lodged with our Clerk.

Fast.

The Synod considering the abounding sins of the time, and the impending judgments of God hanging over us & the calamitous state of many poor amongst us have agreed to appoint a fast day to be kept by all the congregaons within our bounds on the last Wednesday of July next.

It is recommended to the presby of Monaghan to use diligence to cause the congregaon of Augher to pay what arrears are due to Mr Cornwall.

An Overture from Comm. of Overtures: It is recommended to the presby of Monaghan to act cautiously in licensing of Candidats: Agreed to.

Fund.

Overtures from the Comm. of funds to be transmitted to the several presbys to be considered by them till next Genl Synod.

Overtures from Comm. of funds transmitted

1. That there be a fixt Comm. for the funds to meet once a year at a certain time & place in regard the Comm. for funds can get no time for managing the affair of the funds during the time of the Synod and that the members don't attend that Comm. when appointed to sit in the intervalls of the Synod.

(2) That there be no locality, for by means of the locality some who are depending on the fund get little or nothing while others get their quota fully paid.

3. That the Synod take it into their serious consideraon who are to be supply'd out of the fund, & what proportion is necessary to such as are depending on it in regard yt this is a matter too weighty for the Comm.

4. That every presby give a list of what sums the several

congraons within their bounds promise to the fund yearly & send sd list to the clerk of the Comm. for funds.

5. That in case the promises of all the congregaons do not amount to the sum promised to all these who depend on the fund y^{t} there be a dividend made of what is to be expected y^{t} every one may have his proportionable share and y^{t} so some may not have all their share while others get little or nothing.

6. That these min^{rs} who do not bring in the promises of their congregaons which they have engaged for or a discharge for the same, then the Comm. for funds to give an account thereof to our Treasurer, and he to detain the said sum out of their R.D. till the meeting of the Genl Synod.

7. That every presby pay their fund to such weak congregaons as are within their bounds so far as their promises amounts to & in case the promises of congregaons be more than what pays these in their bounds y^{t} the remainder be sent to the Comm. for the fund to be distributed to others.

Concluded with prayer.

WILL. MACKAY, C.S.G.

1. *Interloq^{r}, Sed^{t}. pastores.*

A letter from Mr Craghead to this Synod as also a letter from Messrs Iredell and Choppin were read; they give an account of Mr Craghead's negotiaon and also some copies of letters to persons of Hon^{r} upon that subject. Resolved y^{t} a letter be written from this Synod to Mr Craghead and another to Mr Ireldell in answer to theirs.

2. Interloq^{r}. This Interloq^{r} considering the trouble Mr Iredell has in managing our affairs and the service he does to us have agreed to allow him a double proportion of ordinary R.D.

It is also agreed to allow our treasurer foure pounds ℔ annum for receiving and distributing the additional R.D.

3. A short supplicaon from Mr Wirling was read; he sets forth his submission to the censure inflicted on him by our Judicatories and and prays for direction; and after long reasoning it was moved and agreed to that Mr Wirling shall converse with the members of the presby of Templepatrick & others. And the Synod of Belfast are allowed if they see clear cause to take off the deposition. And then Mr Wirling upon a second letter was allowed to come in, and was heard. He made professions of his repentance and sorrow for what offence he had given to God and this Church, and desired we might be reconcilled to him: after long reasoning this affair was left as above.

The case of Mrs Taylor was taken into consideraon & this Interloq^{r} resolves that the Rule as to Min^{rs} widows shall stand, & that the presby of Templepatrick shall do what the can for supporting Mrs Clark this year.

WILL. MACKAY. C.S.G.

A General Synod at Dungannon, June 16, 1730.

Mr Saml Ross, Modr to the former Synod, opened this Synod by preaching from Ephes, 4 : 3 : & constituted the Synod by prayer, and the Roll being called, Sederunt.

Ministers.	Elders.
Killyleagh Preby.	
Jam. Reid	Robt. Stephenson
Templepatrick Preby.	
Jam. Cobham	Jon. Hasty
Alexr Brown	Mr Adair
Robt. Higginbothom	Jon. Cumin
Jam. Creighton	Jon. Blakely
Will. Livingston	Jam. White
Jam. White	Hen. Mongomery
Tim. White	
Thos Craford	Will. Leaths
Will. Thomson	Jam. Dalrimple
Jon. Hasty	
Armagh Preby.	
Geo. Lang	Jam. Tod
Gil. Kennedy	Will. Achison
Jam. Fleming	
Robt. Rainey	George Shaw
Jam. Johnson	Nath. Henry
Will. Mackay	Jam. Heart
Rob. Gordon	
Archd M'Clain	Jam. Maffet
John Menogh	Ml Pollock
Jon. King	
Robt. Thomson	
Strabane Preby	
John Ball	
Neh. Donaldson	Jam. Smith
Jos. Hemphill	Jon. Russel
Colerain Preby.	
Will. Boyd	Jon. Rogers
Saml Dunlop	Jos. Hill
Robt. McBride	Jam. Ball
Jon. Cochran	Jon. Reignolds
Thos Cobham	Mr Steel
Rob. Knox	Ben. Boid
Jon. Hill	Jon. Duglass
Dublin Preby.	
Rob. Craighead	Jon. McKie
Hugh Henry	Pat. Adams
Saml Hemphill	Mr Risk
Jam. Bond	Alex. Davison
Robt. McMaster	
Will. Wilson	

Ministers.	Elders.
Monaghan Preby.	
Bapt. Boyd	
Hum. Thomson	Robt. Neely
Alex. Fleming	Mr Evit
Will. Hair	
Pat. Plunket	Jon. Fee
Thos M'Clain	
Jon. Carlisle	Alex. Wilson
And. Dean	
Jon. Algeo	
Will. Sloan	
Neth. Glasgow	
Tyrowen Preby.	
Hen. Crooks	Mr Rae
Tho. Kennedy	Jon. Laird
Will. Cornwall	Will. Fleming
Jon. McClave	Jam. M'Call
Thos Mulligan	
Hugh Wallace	Mr Agnew
Robt. Thomson	Jam. Wilson
Jon. Kennedy	Will. Smith
Nath. Cochran	Jon. Hanna
Jam. Dykes	Jam. Murray
Robt. Stewart	Jam. Henry
Jam. Or	
Letterkenny Preby.	
Fran. Laird	Captn Henderson
Jam. Cochran	
Jon. Homes	
Derry Preby.	
Sam. Ross	
Thos Strawbridge	Mr Harvey
Bangor Preby.	
Jon Gaudie	
Jam. Stewart	Hugh Cairns
Chas. Seaton	Alexr McTier
Fran. Mongomery	
Rob. Cuningham	Jam. Neil
Sam Fergie	
Will. Smith	
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The Moderator moved that a new Mod^{r} may be chosen and a leet of the following brethren was proposed, viz: Mr Jam. Cobham, Mr Brown, Mr James Fleming, Mr Johnston, Mr Wm Holmes, Mr Wm Boyd, Mr Alex. Fleming, Mr Saml Hemphill, Mr Crooks, Mr Jam. Cochran, M^{r} M'Master, Mr Strawbridge, and Mr Gaudie, that one of them may be chosen Mod^{r} to this Synod, and these Brethren being severally heard and removed, the vote put and Mr Wm Boyd was chosen Mod^{r} by plurality of voices, and Mr Mackay was continued Clerk. Moderator Chosen. Clerk.

For the more orderly managem^{t} of the business to come before this Synod the several Presbys are appointed to return their members for the several Comm. viz; of Overtures, Bills for revising the Synod books & for the Fund to next Sed^{t} Comm.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet here for prayer at 7 to-morrow morning and continue in prayer till ten. Prayer.

Bangor Presby report that they ordained M^{r} Wm. Smith at Holywood the 4th of November last, he subscribed according to order. Ordained.

Killeleagh Presby report that Mr John McMurry died in January last, he was minister at Ballehalbert. And that Mr Jam. Bruce Min^{r} of Killeleagh dyed February 17th and that they have licensed Mr Tho. Reid and Mr Alex^{r} M'Comb, they subscribed according to order. Dead.

Templepatrick Presby report that they have licensed Mr Tho. Brown, he subscribed according to order. And have M^{r} Wm. Holmes on 2nd tryals. And Mr Hugh Scot on first tryals. Licensed.

Ardmagh Presby report that they have Mr Robert Frazer on first tryals & have thoughts of entering Mr John Brown on first tryals.

Dublin Presby report that Mr Matth. Chalmers Min^{r} of Plunket Street Dublin dyed December 5th Dead.

Colerain Presby report that they have entered Mr Tho. Fowler on first tryals and Mr Jam. M'Creighton on 2nd and that they design to enter Mr David Alexander on first tryals. Tryals.

Monaghan Presby report that Mr Robert Coltheart Min^{r} at Golan dyed the 26th of January last, and Mr Sam. Irwin Minister at Kinnard dyed the 6th of October last. Dead.

Strabane Presby report that they have licensed Mr Sam. Hemphill, & Mr Jam. Inch and that they both subscribed according to order. Licensed.

Letterkenny Presby report that they have ordained Mr John M'Gachin April 1st. And that he subscribed according to order. Ordained.

Adjourned to 10 *mane*. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 2da. Die Mercur. June 17 *hora* 10ma *mane*. Roll called. Sess 2da.
Post Preces Sed^{t} &c.

The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

The several Presbys returned their members for the several Comm. according to order.

Absents excused.

These following brethren having been absent from last Synod are excused for reasons now offerred, viz., Mr James M'Calpin, Mr Alexander Hamilton and Mr Wm. Holmes.

Absents not excused.

These following brethren were absent from last Synod being now absent are not excused viz; Mrs John Algio, Pat. Vaunce, David Fairly, Wm Smith and Hugh Williamson.

Absents excused.

These following brethren being absent from this Synod are excused for reasons now offerred, viz; Mrs Mr Alexr M'Crackan, Hen. Hamilton, Charles Masterton, Nath. Orr, Wm. Leech, James Frazer, Arch. Maclain, Senr, Char. Wallace, Geo. Cherry, Wm Dick, Jam. Allen, Alexr Macrackan, junr, Victor Ferguson, Ja. Thomson, And. Ferguson, Fran. Iredell, John Harvey Senr, John Harvey Junr and Alexr Hamilton.

Absents not excused

These following brethren being absent from this Synod are not excused, viz; Mrs Sam. Henry, Seth Drumond, Wm Smith, Hugh Willamson, David Fairly, Sam. Dunlop, John McGachin, John Sterling, Hans Stewart, Tho. Harvey, Ninian Cochran, Wm Cunningham, Jam. Maxwell, Char. Lind, Henry Niel, John Porter, John Orr, John Algio.

Then it was moved that the Comm. of Overtures take under their consideration the great number of minrs absent from this Synod, and make an overture to the Synod upon it: this was recommended to that Committee.

Appointment

The appointment is renewed on Mr Tho. Kennedy to transmit some ancient records of this Church to our Clerk.

Mr Alex. Brown reports yt he hath brought hither the Minutes of 14 General Synods, but says they are intermixed with the Minutes of the Sub-Synod of Belfast. This Synod appoints Mr Brown to transcribe sd Minutes of the Genl Synod; and further appoint the Synod of Belfast at their next meeting in Janry to revise the transcript and compare it with the original.

Old Records to be engrossed

It was moved that a Comm. be appointed to inspect all the old Records of this Church that may be of genl concern and that an extract may be taken out of them of such things as concern the whole body. It was agreed yt this affair be resumed at the next meeting of this Synod.

Ordered that the several Presbys return their members for the General Synod's fixt Comm. to next Sedt.

Mr Cornwall.

Mr William Cornwall is annexed to Tyrowen Presbytery.

Mr McMaster.

Mr McMaster was installed in Usher's Key according to appointment of last Synod.

Bangor.

Bangor was supplyed according to order of last Synod.

Holywood.

Mr Mackay is to collect the subscriptions of Armagh Presby. for support of Holywood, Mr Brown to collect sd subscriptions from Templepatrick Presby; Mr Thos Kennedy from Tyrowen Presby Mr Fran. Mongomery from Bangor.

Mr Ross of Derry is to transmit some old records in his hands to our Clerk.

Dunmurry congregaon made applicaon to Templepatrick Presby and were received by them. Dunmurry.

The new erection of Antrim supplied according to appointment.

Report is made that Mr Robt. Wilson's Testimonials were returned.

Report is made yt the Presbys of Tyrowen and Monaghan who were to pay eleven pounds of their fund to Castleblaney have paid nothing: this was referred to a select committee.

The fast was observed according to appointment. Fast.

This Synod agrees to have a day of thanksgiving for the prospect we have a plentifull crop this season, to be kept at the direction of the several Presbys.

Mr Cornwall complains that the expences he was at in the law suit is not reimbursed according to appointmt of this Synod. It was moved yt the Presby of Derry shall pay £1 7s to Mr Cornwall before Alsts next, which if they do not, it shall be taken out of their proportion of R.D. This certificaon was referred. Mr Cornwall.

It is reccommended to all Presbys to be cautious in licensing of candidates.

It was moved and agreed to yt when any Presby designs to enter any candidate on tryals, if they have not had an opportunity of returning the name of such candidate to the Genl Synod in that case such Presby shall be oblig'd before they enter such candidate on tryals to acquaint the presbys of the Sub Synod to which sd Presby belongs of this their design & also the Presby in whose bounds that candidate formerly resided if he liv'd without the bounds of that Sub-Synod. Rules about Candidates.

An overture from the Synod of Derry for making the fund more effectual was read, viz; that each congregaon shall deduct one penny halfepenny from every shilling which they shall receive in their ordinary weekly collections which money shall be lodg'd in a Sessional treasurers hand who shall once in the year return sd money to the Presby who shall lodge it in a treasurers hand to be by him brought to the Genl Synod, to be by them distributed as the think most conducive to the glory of God and the comfort of souls, after some reasoning an amendmt was offerred that these who have hitherto paid their proportion of the fund and shall continue so to do shall not be obliged to this method of making up their fund, after some reasoning the question was put approve the overture with the last clause or without it? And it carryed approve without the last clause—Interloqr halfe an houre after 4. Open Synod at 5. Concluded with prayer. Overtures about the Fund.

Sessio 3tia Die Mercur. Junæ 17, *horâ 5ta a merid. post preces, Sedt &c.* Sessio. 3tia

The several Presbys. returned their members for the Genl Synod's fixt Comm. as follows.

General Synods fixt Comm.

From Templepatrick Mr Ja. White, Mr Tho. Craford, & Mr Char. Johnston Elder.

From Armagh Mr Geo. Lang, Mr Mackay, Mr Cherry, & John Campbell of Ballerony Elder

Strabane; Mr Victor Ferguson, Mr Jos. Hemphill & Mr John Wilson Elder.

Colerain; Mr McBride, Mr Jon Cochran, and Mr Gawin Steel Elder.

Dublin; Mr Hemphill, Mr McMaster, and Robt Callen Elder.

Tyrowen; Mr Thos Kennedy, Mr Cochran, Mr Mulligan, and Doctr Summervil Elder.

Letterkenny; Mr Sam. Dunlop, Mr Fairly, and Mr Wm Moor Elder.

Monaghan; Mr Hair, Mr Plunket, and Robert Neely Elder.

Derry; Mr Major Murray, Mr Sam. Ross, and Mr Thos Cochran Elder.

Bangor; Mr Seaton, Mr Robt Cuningham, and Mr Craford Elder.

Killeleagh; Mr Ja. Reid, Mr Wm Smith and Thos McKibbin Elder.

They are to be called by our Modr to meet at Dungannon upon emergents 15 to be a quorum 12 whereof to be minrs.

Then it was moved yt in regard there was a Rule that we should meet within the bounds of the several Sub-Synods *(per vices)* and that we have for several years met at Dungannon, that Dungannon may not be put on the Leet at this time, and the question being put it carryed; yt Dungannon shall not be put on the Leet.

time and place of next Synod

Then the question being put whether next meeting of this Synod shall be at Derry, Antrim or Strabane. And it carryed that next meeting of this Synod shall be at Antrim the 3rd Tuesday of June next, sermon to begin at 5 afternoon.

Armagh.

From Armagh appeared Dr. Gabriel King, Mr Brown, David Johnston, &c., Comrs supplicateing that this Synod wou'd allow them monethly supplies and yt in case in prosecution of their call to any Minr either party happen to appeal that the General Synods Comm. may be impowered finaly to determine that cause, the Synod considered their petition & grants them liberty to call monethly supplies from any Presby belonging to this Synod and if they give a call to any minr yt Presby to which sd Minr belongs shall call two correspondents from the several Presbys of that Sub-Synod to wh sd Presby is subject, to determine that affair reserving the right of appeal to any party who may judge themselves aggrieved.

Bangor.

From Bangor appeared Robt Blackwood, Esq., Comr supplicating yt this synod may appoint them such monethly supplies as they shall nominate & give in a list of several Ministers and Probationers whom

they desire to supply them. The Synod considered their supplication and appoints Mr Gaudie a Candidate in Bangor to supply them the moneth of July, Mr Gilbert Kennedy junr, the month of August, Mr David Harvey the month of September, Mr Tho. Brown the month of October, and such Minrs as they shall invite for the ensuing moneths, and if any Minr whom they shall invite cannot come his Presby shall appoint another in his stead.

Adjourned to 8 *mane:* Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 4ta Die Jov. Jun. 18. 8va *mane post preces Sedt &c.* Sessio 4ta.

From Ardstraw appeared Jos. Kinkead, &c., Comrs supplicating for monethly supplies. This Synod grants their supplicaon and appoints Mr John Holmes to supply them next Sabbath and the three last Sabbaths of July, Mr Menogh the month of August, Mr McCurdy the month of September, Strabane Presby the month of October, Mr Robert Cuningham November, Mr Tho. Brown December, Mr Gil. Kennedy January. They engage to pay 15 Shill. ℔ *diem* to each supplyer besides entertainment for man and horse. And in regard that supplyers are oft put to great expences in supplying distant Congregaons it is agreed yt every Congregaon wh is not on the fund who shall demand synodical supplies shall be obliged to pay 15 shill ℔ *diem* at least to each supplier besides entertainment for man and horse. 15 shill per diem to suppliers.

The above-named Comrs from Ardstraw appeared to prosecute their appeal from a sentence of the Revd Presby of Strabane disjoyning some of their members from them, their appeal was read as were also the reasons of it, and the Presby of Strabane was heard in answer to these reasons, and all papers yt had been laid before the Presby of Strabane upon this affair were read, & all parties were fully heard & removed and after long reasoning upon this affair, the Question was offered shall we confirm the sentence of the Presby of Strabane disannexing these families or not, & it carryed not.

From Aghalurgher appeared Mr Morris Meach Comr supplicating that this Synod may repone Mr Jos. Cornwall to the exercise of his ministry among them; this was referred to Interloqr.

Adjourned to 5 *a merid.* Concluded with prayer.

Interloqr to meet halfe an hour after three.

Sessio 5ta Die Jov. Jun. 18 *hora 5ta A Merid. post preces Sedt &c.* Sessio 5ta

From Grayabby appeared Mr John Roan and Ferdinand Bailie Comrs to prosecute their appeal from a sentence of the Presby of Bangor (in an affair depending before that Presby) to this Synod. The minutes of that Presby upon that affair were read, and the appeal of the Comrs of Grayabby and the reasons of their appeal were read paragraph by paragraph. And the Presby of Banger were heard upon every paragraph. Grayabby appeal.

And from Ballewalter appeared William M'Kie Comr. All parties were heard at great length, and then removed, and the Synod maturely

weighed what was offerred by all the several parties, & after reasoning are unanimously of opinion that the people of Grayabby had no sufficient reason to appeal from the sentence of Bangor Presby. And after futher reasoning it was moved that the Presby of Bangor wh the following correspondents, viz; Mr Livingston, Mr Frazer, Mr Ja. Reid, Mr Shannon, Mr Tim. White, Mr Lang, Mr Johnston & Mr Allen shall meet at Ballewater the last Tuesday of September to decide this affair, this was agreed to and also yt 4 of these correspondents shall be present with yt Presby to make a quorum.

Adjourned to 8 *mane*. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 5ta. *Sessio 6ta Die Ven. Jun.* 19 *hora* 8va *Mane post preces Sedt &c.*

Mr Jos. Cornwall. Mr Jos. Cornwall came voluntarly before us and made confession of his sin of adultery & such professions of his repentance as were very graftifying to this Synod.

Plunket Street. Mr Sinclar from Plunket Street Dublin represented to this Synod that the Congregaon of Plunket Street have given a call to Mr John Alexander & that he has accepted of it the Synod is well pleased with this account; he further in name of that Congregaon desires a liberty to apply to the several Presbys belonging to the North for supplies as formerly, the Synod grants them the same liberty.

Faughrinveil. From Faughrinveil appeared Mr McCullogh, &c., Commrs they set forth their earnest desires yt they may be speedily settled with a Gospel Minr, the Synod recommends it to the Presby of Derry to issue this affair with all convenient speed.

Drumbo. From Drumbo appeared Capt. Hamilton Maxwell Comr. supplicating for monthly supplies from this Synod, the Synod grants their supplicaon and appoints Mr Moorehead a Candidate in Templepatrick Presby to supply them the month of July, Mr Tho. Reid in the Presby of Killeleagh the month of August, Mr Gil. Kennedy junr, the month of September, Mr Robt Gaudie in Bangor Presby the month of October, Mr Tho. Brown in Templepatrick Presby the month of November.

Turbit. From Turbit appeared Mr Adam Henry, Comr. setting forth the deplorable state of that Congregaon, that they have had no supplies except three since last Genl Synod, and they pray for paymt of the Fund promised them which they complain is entirely neglected. This Synod earnestly recommends it to the Presby of Monaghan to take care of Bellturbit and to use their best endeavours to get the fund paid which was promised to that place and to supply them more punctually in time coming.

Mr Ball. Mr John Ball supplicated that he may be disannexed from Strabane presby; after some reasoning Mr Livingston, Mr Ja. White and Mr Hugh Wallace were appointed to bring in an overture upon this affair.

Castleblaney. The Comm. appointed to bring in an overture upon the affair of Castleblaney brought in their overture that the following congregaons shall pay their fund to Castleblaney, viz :—Tyllicorbit £1 5s, Castleblaney

£1 5s, Aghaloo £1 5, Longford £2, Kedy £1, Stonebridge £1, Monaghan £1 15, and the other 30 shill. to be paid out of the fund to be brought into the Synod every year; this overture was agreed to.

The Synod considered the supplicaon of Widow Fee setting forth of her loss of her husband's proportion of the expences of the law suit commenced by Mr Darragh, and agreed yt the presbys who have not paid their proportion of said expences be obliged to pay Widow Fee her share. Widow Fee.

It was moved by Mr Hemphill, Mr Bond, & Mr Wilson yt they may be disannexed from the Presby of Dublin and annexed to that of Monaghan. The Synod considered this case and after long reasoning it was agreed to annex these Brethren to Monaghan presby, & if the presby of Dublin shall have occasion for correspondents upon any emergency they may apply to the presbys of Armagh and Monaghan who shall send them correspondents, and the Synod earnestly recommends it to those who were formerly members of Dublin presby to meet if possible with them when called upon any emergency. Mr Hemphill, Bond and Wilson.

The Synod considering the case of Sligo and Moywater have agreed to allow each of them six pounds out of the fund to be brought to next Synod, and the presby of Strabane to supply them from this time to the latter end of August; the presby of Colerain September, Octobr, Novembr; the presby of Derry, December, January and February; the Presby of Bangor, March, April, May, and June.

The Synod agrees that Mr Ball be disannexed from Strabane preby and annexed to the presby of Letterkenny.

Adjourned to halfe an hour after 3—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 7ma Die Ven. Jun. 19, *horâ 3tia a merid. post preces—Sedt &c.* Sessio 7ma.

The presby of Monaghan report that they resolve to enter on first tryals Mr Alex. Maclain & Mr Wm Ambrose.

A motion was made that the Rule formerly made by this Synod be now revived, yt before any Candidate be entered upon tryals by any presby, it shall appear to that preby yt after he has commenced Mr of Arts he has read & studied Divinity at least 4 years, & yt he has attended two seasons or at least one in some Divinity Hall in the Colleges abroad. It was agreed that this Rule be punctually observed by all the presbys of this Synod. Rule about Intrants revived.

The Comm. of Overtures brought in an Overture to the Genl Synod yt in regard so many members are frequently absent yt every member who shall be absent from the General Synod for the future and does not write such an apology to the Synod as shall be accepted, or does not write at all to acquaint the Synod wh the reasons of his absence; sd absentee shall at his first appearance before the Synod pay two crowns to be disposed of as the Synod shall think fit for pious uses, & in order to make overture effectual we overture that at the beginning of every ensuing Synod a Comm. be appointed for inflcting censures on such as Absentees.

carry disorderly to meet & sit in the intervals of the Synod, and that this overture be transmitted to the several presbys; the Synod agrees to transmit this overture, *nemine contradicente.*

Killeleagh Presby.

The Comm. of overtures brought in an overture y^{t} in regard the Presby of Killeleagh consists only of 4 members two of wh are very valetudinary, & yt unless there be an addition of several members made to them they cannot act as a Presby. It is therefore humbly overtured that Kilmore, Ballenahinch, Drummara, and Saintfield be added to the Presby of Killeleagh, and this to continue for the ensuing year, this overture was unanimously approven by the Synod and the Synod earnestly recommends to these Cogregaons to submit to this determination.

Mr Wirling.

Mr Wirling appeared & made confession of his sin for wh he was deposed & profession of his repentance & of his resolutions to carry more cautiously for the future the Synod considered Mr Wirling's case and have received considerable satisfaction from his confession and declarations & reasoned a long time upon this affair and finding that Mr Wirling had duly submitted to the censures inflcted on him three years ago, & yt his carriage has been unexceptionable ever since his deposition, it was moved y^{t} we take off the deposition from Mr Wirling with this restriction that he shall be wholy under the conduct of the Presby of Templepatrick in the exercise of his ministry and shall not exercise it anywhere in this Church without their direction, and y^{t} they shall by no means employ him to preach in Killead. After long reasoning the question was put, take off the deposition wh these restrictions or not? And it carryed take off the deposition with the above restrictions.

Drogheda.

The Synod considering the sinking state of Drogheda Congregaon appointed a letter to be written to the presby of Bangor and another to the Presby of Templepatrick to excite them to pay their fund to Drogheda which was done accordingly.

Ordered that the Presby of Letterkenny pay to Dunfanachy five pounds of their fund for the year ending at June 1730, the congregation of Derry three pounds, Clendermont one pound ten shill. Ballekelly and Newtown the usual quota & Fawn ten shill.

Mr Lang & Mr Mackay are to write to Templepatrick Presby to acquaint them y^{t} the Synod has taken off Mr Wirling's deposition.

Mr Jos. Cornwall's case referred to the Synod of Armagh.

Our Mod^{r} is to write to the Congregaon of Fawn to excite them to pay their Fund.

Concluded with prayer.

Interloq^{r} Sed^{t} Pastores.

Mr Craighead gave a very particular account of his negotiation in London.

This Interloq^{r} is fully convinced of Mr Craighead's great care,

fidelity, & dilegence in managing the affairs committed to him & ordered our Mod^{r} to give him thanks in name of this Interloq^{r}.

Mr Craighead brought in an Overture to this Interloq^{r}, *in haec verba.*

It being too evident that the protestant dissenting interest in this Kingdom is in a very declining condition, & if proper remedies are not timely applyed, things will in all probability grow worse and worse. It is humbly overtured

1. That there shou'd be some time in May next and afterwards as occasion requires a general meeting of persons delegated from each Presby in the Kingdom to think of fit ways and means to revive and strengthen sd interest.

2^{ly} That the City of Dublin as being the most central, and where intelligence may be best had shall be the place of meeting.

3^{ly} That this meeting shall be composed of one or two Min^{rs}, & as many Gent. from each Presby chosen for that purpose either by the Genl. Synod for the Presbys belonging to them or by the respective Presbys throughout the whole Kingdom.

4^{ly} That in the choice of such Min^{rs} & Gent. special regard shall be had to these who are judged to be most capable & fit for managing business of yt nature.

5^{ly} That the charges of such Min^{rs} as come from the north shall be defrayed out of the common stock of R. D. at —— ℔ *diem* for each man, those in the south be maintained as they themselves judge best, & as to Gent. both from North and South, a common stock from Gent. and others in all parts of the Kingdom & put into the hands of a common treasurer, not only to answer the charges of the Gent. Deputies but every other necessary expence wh the meeting may be put to in prosecution of their design. And forasmuch as there are more Gent. of figure & fortune of our persuasion in the City of Dublin than in any other place in the Kingdom, a larger deputaon of such shall be allowed from thence than from any other presby, the rather because such deputies will be no charge to the publick, & for this reason a greater number of Min^{rs} shall be allowed also.

6^{ly} In this meeting nothing yt has been matter of contention among Min^{rs} or people should be so much as once mentioned but all shou'd come resolved and prepared to offer the best expedients they can think of for supporting and strenghtening our common interest without the least regard to parties or any unhappy debates yt have been among us.

7^{ly} The chief subject for consultaon in these meetings shall be to procure if possible a redress of the grievances we still labour under as protestant Dissenters, & to think of ways and means to obtain a comfortable subsistence for Min^{rs} and sufficient time shall be allow'd the meeting to consider things yt come before them wh calmness and deliberaon, it being frequently observed yt many ill consequeces have attended the transacting such affairs in hurry and haste; and lastly, yt

the meeting shall be impowered to form a sub-comm. to consider & determine such thing as shall be committed to them during the intervals of the meeting.

This Interloq^{r} after some reasoning do approve the above overture in gen^{l}, & it was further proposed that there shou'd be a meeting of Min^{rs} and Gent. in order to concert methods for raising a fund for publick services, and yt a Comm. of Capt. Maxwell, Capt. Henderson, Mr Craighead, Mr Gilbert Kennedy and Mr Laird shou'd bring in an overture of the proper methods for managing this affair; who being returned, brought in this overture in these words:—

The Brethren do unanimously approve of the above proposal in gen^{l}, but not having time to consider the whole of it so maturely as it shou'd, they came to a resolution to transmit copies of the above scheme to the several presbys & by them to be laid before the three Sub-Synods in order to give their thoughts, and come to a final resolution about; & forasmuch as the usual time of the meeting of the Synod of Derry is judged to be too late they therefore appoint yt instead of meeting the 2^{d} Tuesday of May, they shall have their meeting on the 1st Tuesday of April. In the meantime they recommend it to the several presbys to meet as soon as they conveniently can, with as many Gent. in their neighbourhood as they can get, to ripen maters for the consideraon of the Sub-Synods, and particularly to use all diligence in procuring subscriptions towards raising a common fund to defray the expence yt may attend such applications as may be made in prosecution of the design, & that the Mod^{r} of each presby shall from time to time communicate to some friend in Dublin what progress they make in yt affair. Mr Craighead is desired to acquaint the presby^{s} in Dublin, the South, and Antrim with this resolution & desire their concurrence, & every prior Sub-Synod to communicate their sentiments & resolutions to the subsequent Synods.

The Overture was unanimously approven.

℘ WILL^{M} MACKAY, C.S.G.

A General Synod at Antrim, June 15, 1731.

Mr Willm Boid, the former Mod^{r} opened this Synod by preaching from Hebrew 13 : 18 : & constituted the Synod by prayer, & the Roll was called; Sederunt:—

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Templepatrick Preb.		Strabane Presby.	
Will. Leech	Jam. Watson	Will. Homes	Will. Nelson
Jam. Cobham	Jon Steel	Alex^{r} McCrackan	Arch^{d} Anderson
Alex^{r} Brown	Arch^{d} Brown	Victor Ferguson	Tho. Smyly
Will. Livingston	Jam. Gibson	Jos. Hemphill	
Jam. Creighton	Mr Creighton		

Ministers.	Elders.
Templepatrick Preb.—*Continued.*	
Jam. Fraser	Jam. Finley
Jam. White	Jon Davison
Tim. White	Tho. Eglison
Will. Thomson	Jam. White
Jon Hasty	Mr McCullogh
Tho. Craford	Jam. Atkin
Will. Homes	Mr McConchy
Jon Moorhead	Jon Eggar
Jon Montgomery	
Armagh.	
Geo. Lang	Mr Reid
Gilb. Kennedy	Sam. Ker
Rob. Rainey.	Mr Pollock
Archd McClain	Jon White
Jon Menogh	Mr Moor
Geo. Cherry	Jon Moody
Jam. Allen	Rob. Templeton
Will. Dick	Robt Ballintin
Rob. Thomson	Jon Campbell
Dublin Presby.	
Hugh Henry	Mr Sinclar
Jon Alexander	Mr Cook
Will. Patton	
Rob. McMaster	
Monaghan.	
Baptt Boid	
Sam. Hemphill	
Jam. Bond	Cornelius Campbell
Jon Carlisle	Captt Wilson
And. Dean	
Jon Algio	Jon Wilson
Will. Sloan	
Nath. Glasgow	
Tyrowen.	
Will. Cornwall	Ad. Wilson
Hen. Crooks	Mr McMullen
Thos Kennedy	Fran Lesly
Jon. M'Cleave	Will. Dickson
Tho. Mulligan	Jam. Gillespy
Hugh Wallace	Jam. Cuddy.
Jon Kennedy	Hugh McWhirter
Rob. Thomson	
Nath. Cochran	Jon. Wilson
Jam. Dykes	Jon. Anderson
Rob. Stewart	
Jam. Or	

Ministers.	Elders.
Colrain Presby.	
Char. Lind	Math. Longwill
Hen. Neil	Peter Reid
Will. Boid	Jon Moor
Sam. Dunlop	Mr Ball
Robt McBride	Jon Cuming
Jon Cochran	Mr Steel
Tho. Cobham	Will Morison
Jam. Thomson	Mr McCurdy
Rob. Knox	Will. Wiely
Fran. Ross	Jon Mulligan
Jon Or	Jam. Herbutton
Jon Hill	
Jon Thomson	
Jam. McCreight	
Rob. Wirling	
Bangor Presby.	
Jon Gaudie	Will. Chirmside
Jam. Stewart	Jam. McNab
Char. Mastetron	
Char. Seaton	Jon Magill
Jam. Moor	Jam. Or
Alexr Hamilton	Jon Malcom
Robt Cuningham	Rob. Smith
Will. Smith	Jon Gordon
Nathl Or	
Killyleagh Presby	
Jam. McAlpin	Alexr Homes
Jam. Reid	And. McKnight
Archd Dickson	Mr Baxter
Hugh Williamson	Hugh Cleland
Jon King	Jon Mains
Sam. Fergie	
Letterkenny.	
Jon. Ball	Capt. Henderson
Sam Dunlop	
Fran. Laird	Will. Keys
David Fairley	
Jon. Homes	Mr Henderson
Jam. Cochran	Mr Stewart
Jon. M'Gachin	
Jon. Harvey Senr	Jon. Walker
Derry.	
Thos Winsley	Mr Thomson
Jon. Stirling	
Jon. Harvey Junr	Jon. Fulton
Thos Havrey	Mr Welsh
Major Murray	Will. Rule
Will. Cuningham	Mr Bond
And. Ferguson	
David Harvey	
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Will Mackay, Clerk.

Moderator Chosen.

The Mod^{r} desiring that a new Mod^{r} may be chosen, a Leet of the following Brethren was proposed, vizt:—Mr Ball, M^{r} McAlpin, Mr Lind, Mr Alexander, M^{r} McMaster, Mr Jam. Cobham, Mr Brown, Mr Holmes, Senr, Mr Hemphill, Mr Crooks, Mr Thos Harvey, that one of them might be chosen Mod^{r} to this Synod, and these Brethren being heard and removed, Mr Ja^{s} Cobham was chosen Moderator, & Mr Mackay was continued Clerk.

Clerk.

Ordered that the sev^{l} Presby^{s} return the names of their members for the sev^{l} Committees, vizt: of Overtures, Bills, for revising the Synod Books & for the fund, to next Sedt.

Ordered that all the Members of this Synod meet here for prayer at 7 of the clock to-morrow morning, and continue in prayer till 10.

Adjourned to 10 tomorrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 2da.

Sessio 2da Die Mer. Jun. 16 *Hora*, 10ma *Mane, post preces Sederunt qui supra.*

The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

Died.

Bangor Presby report that Mr Henry Hamilton, minister of Donaghadee died August, 1730, & Mr Alex^{r} M'Crackan Nov. 14, 1730; they have entered Mr Thos M'Cracken on first tryals.

Rout have ordained Mr Jas M'Creight at Cullybackey, December 13, and licensed Mr Fowler; they both subscribed according to order.

Ordained.

Templepatrick report that Mr Robt Sinclare of Isle Magee died Jan. 5, 1730/1, and that they have ordained Mr Will. Holmes at Antrim Sept 7th, 1730, and Mr John Moorhead at Dunmurry, Feb. 17, 1730/1 & they have licensed Mr Hugh Scott: they all subscribed according to order, and they have entered Mr John Thomson and Mr And. Malcom on 2^{d} tryals.

Licensed.

Armagh report that Mr Jas. Fleming of Lurgan died Augt. 16, 1730; they have licensed Mr Robt. Fraser; he subscribed according to order; and they have on first tryals Mr Jas. Stewart, Mr Sam. Black, Mr Hen. Reid, Mr John Baxter, and Mr Jam. Mackay.

Strabane report that they have on first tryals Mr Hugh M'Crackan, Mr Char. Caldwell, and Mr David Smiley.

Dublin Presby have installed Mr Jo^{n} Alexander in Plunket Street Nov. 15th; he subscribed according to order.

On Tryals

Monaghan report that they have licensed Mr Alexander M'Clain, Mr Will. Ambrose, & Mr Hugh Carlisle: they subscribed according to order, and they have Mr Jo^{n} Gibson on 2^{d} tryals, and Mr Jam. Clerk on first tryals.

Derry have ordained Mr David Harvey at Glendermont, Mar 23, 1730/1 and have licensed Mr Thos Bond; they both subscribed according to order.

Killileagh have installed Mr Pat. Bruce at Killileagh.

In regard that much of our time has been spent in receiving the returns from the sev[l] prebys, it was moved & agreed to that each preby shall appoint one of their number in their name to return to the Clerk immediately before the Synod sit down, or immediately after the first Sed[t] the names of their members for the sev[l] Comm. and for the Gen[l] Synod's fixt comm: as also the names of ministers dead, ordained, or installed, & the names of candidates licensed, entered or to be entered on tryals.

The Presbys returned the names of their members for the sev Comm. according to order.

Absents. These following Brethren having been absent from last Synod, are excused for reasons now offered, viz[t], M[r] M'Calpin, M[r] Alex. Hamilton, M[r] Fairley, M[r] Williamson, M[r] Jo[n] Sterling, M[r] Tho[s] Harvey: they were reprimanded for not writing their excuses to the Synod.

Excused. These following Brethren being absent from this Synod are excused for reasons now offered, M[r] M'Clain Sen[r], M[r] Wallace, M[r] Gordon, M[r] M'Clain Jun[r], M[r] Johnston, M[r] Donaldson, M[r] Iredell, M[r] Craighead, M[r] Wilson, M[r] Hare, M[r] Drummond, M[r] Hance Stuart, M[r] Ninian Cochran, M[r] David Harvey, M[r] Shannon, M[r] Smith of Ballee, M[r] Pat. Bruce.

Not excused. These following Brethren being absent are not excused, viz[t]: M[r] Higginbothom, M[r] Porter, M[r] Plunket, M[r] Sam[l] Ross.

The Sub Synod Books were delivered to the Revisers, & they are to make report.

The appointment is renewed on M[r] Tho[s] Kennedy to transmit some old Records in his hands to our Clerk.

Ordered that the sev[l] Presbys return their members for the Gen[l] Synod's fixt comm. to next Sed[t]

Records. M[r] Alex. Brown has engrossed the Records of fifteen Gen[l] Synods in a Book which he produced to the Synod. M[r] Liviston reports that he revised & compared sd Book with the original papers, & that he believes it is exactly transcribed. Agreed that an order be given to our Treasurer to deduct one Shill from each Minister of this Synod as a gratuity for this service. M[r] Brown offers to extract out of the Book transcribed by him, all the Rules which appear to him necessary, & to deliver a copy to our Clerk, gratis; this was accepted.

Fast. Agreed that it be left to the sev[l] presbys to appoint a fast in their respective Bounds before Harvest or not as they shall think expedient.

Fund. In regard that there are great deficiencies in the Fund it was moved and agreed to that the Comm. of Overtures shall consider that affair and bring in some overture to make it effectual for the future.

Complaint is made that the Act enjoining the payment of 15 sh. ℔ *diem* to those who performed the Synodical supplies was not observed, it was moved and agreed to that such of those congregations who have failed in payment of sd sum, & have business depending before this Synod, shall pay or give security for what shall remain of sd sum before their Appointments.

business be heard by us, and whereas some of these congregations have no business depending before us, the Presbys to which they belong shall take care to see said Act observed.

It was moved & agreed to that the sev[l] Presbys shall call to an account such of their members as are absent from the gen[l] Synod & report their Diligence to us.

Comm. to meet at 3; Interluq[r] at 4—Synod at 5.

Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 3[tia]

Die. Mer. hord 5[ta], Jun. 16 a Meridie, post preces Sed[t] &c.

General Synod's fixt Comm.

The Gen[l] Synods fixt Comm. is to consist of the following members viz[t]—

Templepatrick; M[r] Jam: Cobham M[r] Jam. White, M[r] Tho[s] Crawford & Char. Johnston Elder.

Armagh; M[r] Lang, M[r] Mackay, M[r] Cherry, and Jo[n] Campbell of Ballyrony Elder.

Strabane; M[r] Victor Ferguson, M[r] Jos. Hemphill, & M[r] John Wilson Elder.

Colerain; M[r] M[c]Bride, M[r] John Cochran and M[r] Gawin Steel Elder.

Dublin; M[r] Paton, and M[r] M[c]Master.

Tyrone; M[r] Thos. Kennedy, M[r] Cochran, M[r] Mulligan, & Dr. Sommervill Elder.

Letterkenny; M[r] Sam. Dunlop, M[r] Fairly, and Will. Moor, Elder.

Monaghan; M[r] Hare, M[r] Plunket and Robert Neily, Elder.

Derry; M[r] Major Murray, M[r] Sam. Ross, & M[r] Thos Cochran, Elder.

Bangor; M[r] Seaton, M[r] Cunningham, and M[r] Crawford Elder.

Killileagh; M[r] Ja[s] Reid, M[r] Smith, and Thos M[c]Kibbin Elder.

They are to be called by our Mod[r] upon Emergents to meet at Dungannon, 15 to be a quorum 12 whereof to be Ministers.

An Appeal of the Congregation of Armagh from a sentence of the Presby of Monaghan given against the transportation of M[r] Bond from Longford to Armagh the minutes of that Presby being read, came orderly before this Synod.

Mr Bond not transported.

From Armagh appeared Messrs Scot, Brown &c Commr[s] supplicating that M[r] Bond may be transported from Longford to Armagh.

From Longford appeared Fran. Wilson Esq & Commr[s] to oppose the desired transportation. Then the Appeal & the reasons of it were read, and also the answers of Monaghan Presby to these reasons, then the reasons offered by Armagh for the transportation of M[r] Bond were read as were also the answers of Longford to these reasons.

Then it was debated whether the Presby of Armagh be parties in this cause they having concurred with the call of Armagh to M[r] Bond. And the question was put, Are the Presby of Armagh parties or not? & it carried that they are parties.

Then all parties were fully heard upon this cause Mr Bond also was heard and Mr Laird was appointed to call upon God for light in this affair, then all parties were removed & the Synod maturely weighed what was offered by all the sev[l] parties & then the question was put transport Mr Bond from Longford to Armagh or not? & it carried not by a great majority. Parties were called & this sentence intimated to them and they were desired to acquiese.

Adjourned to 8 *mane;* Comm. to meet at 7; Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 4ta Die Jovis Jun. 17 *Hora,* 8va *Mane, post preces Sedt &c.* Sessio 4

The Comrs from Armagh moved that they may be allowed Synodical supplies & particularly that Mr Jon Maxwell may supply them the month of July, their supplication is granted.

An appeal from a sentence of the Presby of Rout refusing the transportation of Mr McBride from Ballymony to Donaghadee came orderly before the Synod.

From Donaghadee appeared Jon Madowell Esq &c. Comrs prosecuting sd appeal.

From Ballymony appeared Messrs John Henry, David Small, &c Commrs. Then the sentence of the Presby of Rout from which the appeal was entered was read & the appeal of Donaghadee & the reasons of it were read & the answers of Rout Presby to these reasons were read. Then the reasons offered by Donaghadee for the desired transportation were read & the answers of Ballymony to these reasons were read. A Letter from the Right Hon. Lord Mount Alexander to the Presby of Rout was also read & all parties were fully heard & Mr McBride also was heard. Then Mr Alexander was appointed to call upon God for light in this affair. After prayer all parties were removed & the Synod maturely weighed what was offered by all the sev[l] parties, the question was put transport Mr McBride from Ballymoney to Donaghadee or not, and it carried not, *nemine contradicente.* Mr M'Bride not transported

Parties were called, and this sentence intimated to them and they were desired to acquiese. Mr Alexander and Mr McBride to answer Ld. Mount Alexander's Letter.

The appointment about the annual Subscriptions for support of Holywood continued, that is, that Mr Lang shall collect sd subscriptions from Armagh Presby, Mr Brown for Templepatrick, Mr Thos Kennedy for Tyrone and Mr Fran. Montgomery from Bangor Presby.

Adjorned to 4 afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis Jun. 17 *hora* 4ta *a merid post preces, Sedt &c.* Sessio 5ta

An appeal of the Preby of Derry from a Sentence of the Synod of Derry, the minutes of that Synod being read, came orderly before this Synod.

Then the appeal of the Preby of Derry was read & the reasons of

said appeal & also the answers of the Synod of Derry to these reasons were read, paragraph by paragraph; then Mr Boid's declinature from the preby of Derry's intermedling in these affairs, and the reasons of it were read & the preby of Derry's answers to these reasons were read. Also a supplication from Taughboin which had been laid before the Sub Synod of Derry was read.

Then the Synod resolved to waive the Question *utrum bene an male appellatum*, & to consider & hear all papers relating to the cause complexly.

St. Johnston.

From St. Johnston appeared Mr M'Clinto, Mr Lindsay &c Comrs they presented a supplication wherein they set forth their concern for whatever has been irregular in their conduct in times past, and expressing their earnest desires to be taken under the care and inspection of this Synod and to be supplied.

Then Mr Boid was heard, & after reasoning it was moved & agreed to that a select Comm. shall consider this whole affair, and prepare overtures upon it to be laid before this Synod; sd Comm. to consist of the following members, vizt: Mr Masterton, Mr Livingston, Mr Alexander, Mr Lang, Mr Thos Kennedy, Mr Gil. Kennedy, Mr Sterling, Mr Laird, Mr Alex. Brown, Capt. Wilson & Capt. Henderson.

The Sevl Sub-Synod Books were revised & approven.

Adjourned to 8 *mane*. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 6ta

Die Ven. Jun. 18, *hora* 8va *mane: post preces, Sedt &c.*

Lurgan

From Lurgan appeared Jam. Minary &c Comrs supplicating that this Synod may continue the proportion of the fund formerly allowed them, viz: £15, ℔ ann. for support of their weak congregation. The Synod resolves to continue their proportion of the fund to them when planted.

It was earnestly recommended to the Brethren to pay the one shill. & sixpence annual charity to Mrs Tomb.

Mr Cochran of Kilraghts not transported

An Appeal of the Comrs of Bangor from a Sentence of the Preby of Rout refusing the Transportation of Mr Cochran from Kilraghts to Bangor, the minutes of the Presby of Rout being read, came orderly before this Synod.

From the major part of Bangor appeared Messrs John Blackwood, Jam. Blackwood &c Comrs supplicating for the Transportion of Mr Cochran from Kilraghts to Bangor, & from Kilraghts appeared Mr Saml M'Cullogh &c Comrs to oppose the desired Transportation.

Then the Minutes of the Presby of Rout upon that affair, and the appeal of the Comrs of Bangor from it, & the reasons of that appeal and the answers of the preby of Rout to these reasons were read.

Then the reasons offered by Brangor for the Transportation of Mr Cochran to them & the answer of Kilraghts to these reasons were read.

Then a supplication was presented by Robt. Blackwood Esq & sevl

other Gent. in Bangor setting forth that they and their tenants & some of the Session of Bangor & most of the most considerable freeholders in the parish of Bangor are not free to concurr in desiring sd Transportation. Then all parties were fully heard. Mr Cochran also was heard, and Mr McMaster was appointed to call upon God for light in this affair. After Prayer parties being removed the Synod having maturely weighed what was offered by all the sevl parties, the question was put transport Mr Cochran from Kilraghts to Bangor or not, and it carried unanimously not. Parties were called & this sentence intimated to them.

From Ardstraw appeared Mr Clerk, Mr Leech &c Commrs supplicating that Mr Jon Holmes may be transported from Donnegall to Ardstraw, & from Donnegall appeared Mr Stewart Commr to oppose the desired Transportation. Then the minutes of the Synod of Derry who had refused the desired Transportation were read and the Appeal of Ardstraw and the reasons of their appeal were read as were also the reasons offered by Ardstraw for the desired Transportation & the answers offered by Donnegall to these reasons were read and all parties were fully heard Mr Holmes also was heard. Mr Jon Holmes not transported.

Then Mr Dunlop was appointed to call upon God for light in this affair, then parties were removed and the Synod reasoned upon this affair, and having maturely weighed what was offered by all the sevl parties and particularly the great necessity of continuing Mr Holmes in Donnegall from the circumstances of that country & also the smallness of his maintenance in that place it was moved and agreed to that in case Mr Holmes shall be determined to continue in Donnegall he shall be allowed a double proportion of our ordinary R.D. then the question was put transport Mr Holmes from Donnegall to Ardstraw or not? and it carried not by a great majority.

Comm. to meet at 4. Adjourned to 5 *A. Meridie.* Concluded with prayer.

Die Von Jun. 18 *horâ* 5*ta A Mer. post preces Sedt &c.* Sessio 7ma

From Grayabby appeared Mr Roan and Ferdinando Bailie Comrs supplicating that Grayabby may be erected into a Congregation. The minutes of the Presby of Bangor upon that affair were read & the Appeal of Grayabby from their Sentence & the reasons of it were read and the minutes of the Presby of Bangor with correspondents met according to the appointment of last Synod were read and Grayabby

From Bellywalter appeared Mr Hugh Craig and Will. M'Kie Comrs. The Synod having heard the parties at great length agreed to refer this cause to a select Committee of the following Ministers, vizt: Mr Tho. Kennedy, Mr Hugh Henry, Mr Gil. Kennedy, Mr Rainey, Mr Lind, Mr John Kennedy, Mr Ja. Orr, Mr McBride, Mr Tim. White to prepare overtures upon it.

Ordered that each Congregation pay Mrs Sterling 1s 6d ℔ ann. Charity.

The Select Comm. appointed to consider the affair of Taughboin brough in their Overtures which were read & after reasoning they were Taughboin

read again & some amendments were added to them and they were agreed to in the following words.

1. Overt. 1. That the Synod express their Dissatisfaction with many offensive expressions in the papers of both sides reflecting on sev[l] Judicatories, this Synod and particular persons.

2. 2. That the people of St. Johnston do openly before this Synod profess their irregular & disorderly conduct & profess their concern for it.

3. 3. That M[r] Boid's arrears shall be fully paid him according to the articles of his settlement till November after M[r] Gray's Deposition & that these who went off since are to pay till the time they went off, & that effectual care be taken that a competent maintenance be secured to our Brother for the future. This recommended to his Presby.

4. 4. That the Synod do in the most earnest manner recommend it to such as have deserted M[r] Boid's ministry to return to their subjection to him and that such of the people of St. Johnston as shall not return to M[r] Boid's shall be allowed supplies to next Gen[l] Synod and sealing ordinances from M[r] Boid & the neighbouring Ministers in an orderly way, & whereas the people of St. Johnston are not under the care of any Presby, this Synod allows them to be under the care of the Presby of Derry.

5. 5. That the people of St. Johnston shall not receive any of M[r] Boid's people, tho' he is allowed to receive such of theirs as shall return to him, & that such of M[r] Boid's people as may occasionally hear at St. Johnston shall be obliged to pay their full Stipend to M[r] Boid.

6. 6. That the first suppliers sent to St. Johnston by the Presby of Derry shall be of their most prudent Ministers who shall be directed to advise the people to study peace & endeavour to secure and promote M[r] Boid's usefulness.

7. 7. That if they do not pay all arrears due to M[r] Boid or give securities for them ag[t] the first of September then their suplies shall be stopt & it is the opinion of this Synod that M[r] Boid's character stands clear and unexceptionable & that his Doctrine and conversation has been suitable to his station & office as a minister of the Gospel.

St. Johnston. Then the Com[rs] of St. Johnston were called & appeared & were rebuked for their disorderly & irregular carriage, they professed their concern for the same and promised all due subjection to our Judicatories.

Adjourned to 7 *mane*. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio S[va]. *Die Sat. Jun.* 19 *Hora 7[ma] Mane, post preces Sea[t] &c.*

It was moved that we consider the place of next meeting & the Synod of Derry waived their claim for this year & the Synod unanimously agreed to meet at Bellymenogh on the third Tuesday of June next. Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon.

Greyabby. The Comm. appointed to consider the affair of Grayabby brought in their overtures which were read and after reasoning they were read

again and with some amendments were agreed to in the following words.

1. That Greyabby and Bellywalter shall continue a united Congregation till we see cause to erect them. Overtures upon case.

2. That Mr Gaudie do appoint for some time till the present heats are over, a Supplier to Greyabby meeting house every fourth Sabbath at his own Expence, they paying annually to him £7 10s with meal and turf as usual. Mr Gaudie is also to visit and catechise the people of Greyabby, & they are to be exhorted to pay all reverence to such an aged minister of Christ; & the Comrs from Greyabby having told us that they will use their interest with the people of their bounds to return to their wonted Duty & affection, it is the opinion of this Synod that they ought to do so.

3. Whereas the preby of Bangor with Correspondents did agree that the preby of Bangor should send supplies to Greyabbey with their conveniency, they of Greyabbey paying for sd supplies, it is the opinion of this Synod they be so supplied & we do in the name of the God of peace exhort parties to be at peace with one another, & that the people of Bellywalter and Greyabby act dutifully towards their aged Pastor, & that he carry meekly and patiently toward them. Greyabby.

It it also agreed that a Letter be written to Mr Mongomery of Greyabby thanking him for his regard to his Dissenting tenants. Mr Livingston to write sd Letter.

A supplication from Moywater was presented by Mr Homes their Comr setting forth their desolate condition & praying that this Synod would allow a double proportion of R. D. to their minister when they shall be planted and that in the meantime they may be supplied, and that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper may be administered among them. Moywater.

A supplication was presented from Sligo wherein they earnestly desire that a double Proportion of R.D. be allowed to their minister when planted. The Synod considered both these supplications & after reasoning resolved that they shall pay their suppliers during their vacancy, and that when they shall be planted this Synod will allow each of them their former proportion of their fund, & a locality for the same upon particular congregations, & if any Minister allowed to pay them shall be deficient & not pay his proportion, his R.D. shall be stopt till payment be made. Sligo.

From the Presbyterian congregation of Moyra appeared Mr Moor Comr supplicating that whereas they were lately deprived of their Meeting-house a contribution may be allowed them from each congregation within our Bounds to assist them to build a Meeting-house. The Synod considering their case agreed to allow them a Sabbath day's collection from each congregation within our bounds with previous intimation, & they are put under the care of the preby of Armagh. Moyra.

The Preby of Armagh are strictly enjoined to take care to make the fund promised to Vinicash effectual for the future, & to have the arrears due to Vinicash paid and to have this matter settled before the first of September. Vinicash.

Lurgan.

A Memorial was presented by the Com^rs of Lurgan setting forth that there is above £130 due to the Executors of Mr James Fleming upon the publick Fund & earnestly praying that this Synod may take care to have justice done in that case. The Synod considered this case and are very willing to have justice done and in order hereunto have agreed that the old Localities allowed to Lurgan shall be continued to Mrs Fleming during the vacancy of Lurgan in regard that much sd arrears is desperate and the Presby of Armagh are strictly enjoined to take all due pains on the congregations within their bounds who are in arrears to Lurgan to cause them make effectual payment and the sd Presby is ordered to write to the sev^l Presbys who may be in arrear to Lurgan to exhort them to do justice to Mrs Fleming & these Presbys are enjoined to pay to Lurgan what they owe to it with all convenient speed & report to be made to next Synod.

It was moved by the Presby of Derry that they may be allowed to pay their own fund to those in their own bounds who are upon the fund. Agreed to.

Donaghadee, Drumbo, & Denmurry are appointed to pay their fund to Drogheda if they are not appointed to some other weak Congregation already.

This Synod agrees to dispense with the Rule about two calls in the case of Mr Malcom & he is allowed to give his answer to the two calls now in his hands to the respective Presbys.

Derry Congregation to pay £2 · · 10 · · 0 and Newton £1 · · 10 · · 0 to Dunfanachy.

This Synod allows £7 out of the fund to Clandevadog. Rout allowed to pay their fund to those in their own bounds.

Concluded with prayer.

Interloquitur Sed^t pastores.

The Interloq^r took into consideration the scheme proposed at last Genl Synod for managing our publick affairs & finds that there is little or no Progress made in that affair & then came to consider whether it may be necessary to send over an Agent from home or whether a friend may be found in London to sollicit our affairs & after reasoning it was moved that if the means already used to procure a friend in London to sollicit our affairs prove unsuccessful that we send over Mr Craighead, this was unanimously agreed to. Ordered that a letter be written to Mr. Craighead to acquaint him with this resolution & that an order be given to our Treasurer to give Mr Craighead a letter of Credit for £50, and a Commission to be drawn for Mr Craighead. He is to endeavour to procure instructions to our Ld Lt to endeavour to get our grievances removed in the Irish Pt and to pursue the instructions given him by the joint Comm. met at Newry when he went last over as far as practicable. Mr Alexander, & Mr Kirkpatrick to draw the Letter & Commission to Mr Craighead.

Mr Craighead's Congregation to be supplied during his absence either by such Probationer in the City or in the North as he shall please to invite, & they to be paid as formerly.

℘ WILL. MACKAY, C.S.G.

A General Synod at Bellymenagh, June 20th, 1732.

Mr James Cobham Modr to the former Synod opened this Synod by preaching from 1 Tim. 4 : 16, and constitued the Synod by Prayer, and the Roll was called; Sedrt.

Ministers.	Elders.
Armagh Presby.	
Geo. Lang	Jas Tod
Gilb. Kennedy	Dav. Chambers
Willm Mackay	Mr Fraser
Robt. Gordon	Chris. Helm
Geo Cherry	Archl Porter
Jas Allen	Jas Kells
John King	And. Stewart
Will. Dick	
Robt. Thompson	
Alex. Reed	
Jon. Maxwell	
Strabane Preby.	
Will. Holmes	Saml Cowan
Jas Smith	
Colerain Presby	
Charles Lind	Jas Patterson
Hen. Neil	Thos Sterling
Will. Boid	Dav. M'Clellan
Jon. Porter	John Hamal
Robt. McBride	
Jon. Cochran	Jon. Wilson
Jas. Thomson	Ad Jaminson
Robt. Knox	Ml Boid
Fran. Ross	Jas Paton
Jon. Orr	David Greg
Jon. Hill	Jon. Moor
Jas M'Creight	Robt. Cochran
Robt. Wirling	
Tyrown Preb.	
Hen. Crooks	John M'Geach
Tho. Kennedy	Robt. M'Cleave
Tho. Mulligan	Nin. Jinkin

Ministers.	Elders.
Bangor Preby.	
Jas. Stewart	Jas. Richey
Chas Masterton	Mr Chalmers
Chas Seaton	Sam. Halliday
Arch. Dixon	Will. Purs
Jas. Moor	Alex. Kennedy
Fran. Mongomery	Jon. Kinkead
Alex. Hamilton	Will Davison
Robt Cuningham	Jas Fulton
Will. Smith	Mr Barnet
And. Malcom	
Gilb. Kennedy	
Monaghan Presb.	
Bap. Boid	Mr McKey
Pat. Plunket	Jon. McKinley
Thos M'Clain	Mr Knox
Will. Wilson	Rob. Thomson
Nathl Glasgow	
Jas. Gibson	
Jas. Hamilton	
Letterkenny Preb.	
Jon. Ball	Saml Patterson
Sam. Dunlop	Mr Blair
Fran. Laird	Wal. Davy
John Homes	Mr Hutchinson
Jas. Cochran	Jas M'Creach
Jon. Magachin	
Killyleagh Preb.	
Jas. Reed	Jon. Brown
Saml Fergie	Geo. Smith
Thos Scott	

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Tyrown Preb.			
Hu. Wallace	Jon. Weily	Templepatrick Preb.	
Jon. Kennedy	Alex. Tomson		
Jas. Dykes	Thos Kennedy		
Robt. Stewart	Jas. Magee	Will. Leech	Will. Baxter
Hu. Sharp	Wm Mackduff	Jas Cobham	Jon. Hasty
		Alex. Brown	Aut. Duncan
Derry Preby.		Will. Liviston	Jas Gibson
		Robt Higginbotham	Davd M'Colough
Jon. Sterling	Robt. Morrison	Jas. Fraser	Robt. Smith
Han. Stewart	Mr Welsh	Jas. White	John Hilton
Saml Ross	Richd Cochran	Tim. White	Robt. Allen
Thos Strawbridge		Will. Thomson	Hen. Mongomery
Nin. Cochran		Jon. Hasty	Wal. Oakman
Will. Cunningham		Thos Crawford	Will. M'Conchey
Dav. Harvey		Will. Holmes	Will. McKlinchey
		Jon. Moorhead	Jas Martin
Dublin Presby.		Jon. Thomson	Jas. M'Killup
		Robt. Brown	65
Hu. Henry	Mat. Kinkead	Jon. Mongomery	
Will. Patton		87	

Moderator. The former Modr desireing that a new Modr may be chosen a Leet of the folllowing Brethn was proposed, viz: Mr Lind, Mr Alex. Brown, Mr Will Homes, Senr, Mr Crooks, Mr Bapt. Boid, Mr Ball, Mr Hance Stewart, that one of them may be chosen Modr to this Synod, and these Brethn being heard and removed Mr Brown was chosen Modr by

Clerk. plurality of voices, and Mr Mackay was continued clerk.

Comm. Ordered that the sevl Presby return the names of their members for the sevl Comm: viz: of Overtures, Bills, Books and the fund, and for the Genl Synod's fixt Comm: also the names of those they have licensed, ordained or installed, and of any of their number that are dead, and of any they have on Tryals or to be entered on Tryals to our clerk before next Sederunt.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet here for prayer, at 8 tomorrow morning, and continue in prayer till 10.

Adjourned to 10 *mane*; Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 2da. *Die Mer June* 21st, *Hora* 10ma, *mane*, *post preces*, *Sedt qui supra.*

The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

Ordained. The Presby of Armagh report that they have ordained Mr Alexr Reed at Narrowwater, Nov. 16, 1731, and Mr John Maxwell at Ardmagh

Licensed. March 15, 1731/2, and that they have licensed Mr Jas Stewart, Mr Jas Mackay, Mr Henry Reid, Mr Saml Black, and Mr Jon. Baxter, and that they all subscribed according to order.

Dead. The Presby of Rout report that Mr Thos Cobham died Feb. 3, 1731/2 and they have licensed Mr David Alexander and Mr John Paul, and that they subscribed according to order, and that they have entered on first tryals Mr John Simple.

The Presby of Bangor report that they have ordained Mr And. Malcom at Drumbo, Nov. 27, 1731, and Mr Bertram April 24, 1732, and Mr Kennedy, June 7, 1732, at Lisburn and that they all subscribed according to order. Ordained.

The Presby of Tyrown have licensed Mr Hugh Sharp and Mr Luke Ash, and have ordained Mr Hugh Sharp at Coagh, June 6, 1732, and they both subscribed according to order. Licensed.

Templepatrick Presby report that Mr Jas. Creighton died July 20, 1731, and that they have ordained Mr John Thomson, July 14, 1731, at Carnmoney, and Mr Thos Brown, June 19, 1732, at Glenarm, and that they have licensed Mr Robert Leaths, and that they all subscribed according to order, and that they have entered on Tryals Mr John Mowate, Mr John Brown, and Mr Rob. Jameson. Ordained.

Killileagh Presby report that Mr Pat. Bruce died April 9, 1732, and that they have ordained Mr Thos Scott at Bellyhalbert June 14; he subscribed according to order.

Monaghan Presby report that they have installed Mr Glasgow at Golen, April 5, 1732, and that they have ordained Mr John Gibson, Feb. 23d, 1731/2, and Mr Jas. Hamilton the same day: and they have licensed Mr Jas. Clark, and that they all subscribed according to order, and that they have Mr Will. Ambrose on 2d tryals, and Mr McKie on 1st tryals and that Mr Will. Sloan died June 12, 1732. Installed.

Letterkenny have licensed Mr Walter Stewart and Mr Will. Wilson, and that they both subscribed according to order and that they have Mr Luke Ash on 2nd tryals.

These following Brethn being absent from this Synod are excused for reasons now offered to this Synod, viz: Mers Jas Orr, John Carlisle, John M'Cleave, Robt. Thomson, Nath. Cochran, Robt. Rainey, Jas. Maxwell, Vict. Ferguson, Fran. Iredell, Rob. Craighead, And. Ferguson, John Alexander, Sam. Shannon, Will. Smith, Hum. Thomson, Alex. Fleming, Saml Hemphill, And. Dean, John Algeo. Absents

These following Brethn being absent are not excused, viz:—Messrs Jas. Johnston, Alex. M'Crackan, John Hill, Saml Dunlop of Rout; Will. Hair, Major Murray, John Gaudie, Alex. Hamilton.

The appointmt on Mr Thos Kennedy to send some ancient Records of ours in his hands to our Clerk was not obeyed and is now renewed. Records.

Mr Alex. Brown returned to our clerk an Extract of some Rules he found in the old Records of this Synod transcribed by him; they are *in retentis*.

The old Records of the Presby of Lagan were delivered to our clerk by Mr Sam. Ross.

Ordered that each Minr pay now 18d to Mrs Tomb, and 18d to Mrs Sterling, according to the order of last Genl Synod; and each Presby to collect at nome from those who are absent and transmit Mrs Tomb's money to Mr Hugh Wallace and Mrs Sterling's money to Mr Jon. Orr. Charity.

From St. Johnston appeared Mr John M'Clinto, &c., Comrs they St. Johnston.

sett forth that there is a debate between Mr Boid and them about the sum of arrears due to him, and that they alledge there is £22 due to him, whereas he alledges there is above £90, but they are willing to leave the matter to the Decision of this Synod, and Mr Boid reports that the Synod of Derry appointed a Comm. to adjust sd accounts, and that it appeared to sd Comm. that there is £60 due to Mr Boid; it was moved and agreed to that this affair be referred to a select Comm. of the following members viz;—Mr Thos Kennedy, Mr Hugh Wallace, Mr Jas. Moor, Mr Jas. White, Mr Saml Ross, Mr Jon. Ball, and these Elders, Mr Chalmers, Mr Duncan, Mr Frazer, Mr Stephenson, Mr Hamilton, Mr Hutchinson; sd comm. are to adjust sd accounts and to take the whole affair under consideracon, and bring in their opinion upon it to us in sevl resolutions.

Mr Boid.

Comm. to meet at 3; Adjourned to 5 *a merid* Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 3tia

Die Mer. Hora 5ta a merid. post preces, Sedt qui supra.

Mrs Fleming.

A Letter from Mrs Fleming was read, earnestly praying that this Synod may take some effectual method for paying the great arrears of the fund due to her late hushand Mr Jas. Fleming. The Synod considering the justice of this request and the great sum of arrears due, after some reasoning unanimously agreed that each congraon within our Bounds shall pay 5 shill: to Mrs Fleming before next Genl Synod in lieu of the great sum of arrears due to her, and that Mr Menogh shall collect sd money from Ardmagh Presby, Mr Jas. White for Templepatrick, Mr Cunningham for Bangor, Mr Reid for Killileagh, Mr Thos M'Clain for Monaghan, Mr Thos Kennedy for Tyrown, Mr Laird for Letterkenny, Mr Ross for Derry, Mr Will. Holmes and Mr Donaldson for Strabane, Mr Craighead for Dublin, Mr McBride for Rout Presby, and they to be accountable to next General Synod.

The appointmt in favour of Dunfanachy is renewed.

Lisburn.

From Lisburn appeared Messrs Will. Fairly, Alex. Taylor, &c., Comrs: they presented a supplycaon wherein they sett forth that tho' they had proceeded with all the caution possible, and wt mature deliberation and advice in the choice of Mr Gilbert Kennedy Junr to be their Minr, yet sevls of their congregacon have seperated from them, and now seek an erection, wh erection if granted, they alledge would be ruinous to the whole congraon; and from the sd dissenting party appeared John Clerk, Thos Gurnal, &c., Comrs to prosecute their appeal from the sentence of the presby of Bangor; then the Records of the Presby of Bangor were read upon that affair, as also the appeal and the reasons of it, and the answers of Bangor Presby to these reasons were read; then a supplicaon from the appellants in Lisburn was read, praying that they may be erected into a distinct congraon; they sett forth that they will give £60 ℔ ann. to a Minr, and a debate ariseing about their numbers and accounts, a Comm. was appointed to consider this affair sd Comm. to consist of the following members, viz: Mr Thos Kennedy, Mr Hu. Wallace, Mr Livingston, Mr Gordon, Mr Menogh, Mr Laird, Mr Stirling, Mr Allen, Mr Jas White, and their Elders; they are to make report to this Synod.

Comm. to meet at 7: adjourned to 9 *mane*, Concluded with prayer.

Die Jov. June 22, *Hora* 9*na*, *Ante Merid. post preces, Sedt &c.* Sessio 4ta.

The Gen[l] Synod's fixt Comm. is to consist of the following members, viz: General Synod's fixt Comm.

From Ardmagh, M[r] Lang, M[r] Mackay, M[r] Geo. Cherry, and Jon. Campbell Elder.

Templepatrick, M[r] Jas White, M[r] Crawford and Elder.

Derry, M[r] Ninian Cochran, M[r] Strawbridge and Elder.

Tyrown, M[r] Tho[s] Kennedy, M[r] Jon. Kennedy, M[r] Na. Cochran and M[r] Wilson, Elder.

Strabane, M[r] Donaldson, M[r] Jos. Hemphill and Elder.
Letterkenny, M[r] Fairly, M[r] M'Gachin & Capt. Henderson, Elder.

Rout, M[r] McBride, M[r] John Cochran, and M[r] Gaw. Steel Elder.

Bangor, M[r] Stewart, M[r] Cunningham, M[r] Malcom and Alex. Chalmers, Elder.

Killileagh, M[r] Fergie, M[r] Scott and Elder.

They are to be called by our Mod[r] upon Emergents to meet at Dungannon, 15 to be a quorum, 12 whereof to be Min[rs].

Sligo.

Appeared as Com[r] from Sligo the Rev. M[r] John Holmes; he presented a Supplicaon from sd Cong[n] earnestly desireing that the £15 of the fund promised them last year may be made effectual, and that a locality may be now fixed for the same, and that M[r] Ash whome they have now called may be encouraged to accept their call, whereupon it was moved & agreed to that the Presby of Letterkenny shall have the appointment of the Localities for Sligo, where they please, reserving only the Localities of Drogheda and Dunfanaghy upon which the said presby made a demand of £5 per ann. from the Presb. of Tyrown, £5 from Strabane, and £5 from Derry; this the Synod unanimously agreed to, and its recommended to the Comm. of Funds to find out a locality for the £3 per ann. deducted from Loughgall.

Moyrea.

Appeared from Moyrea M[r] Moor Com[r] supplicating for assis. to build their Meeting-house: the Synod doe earnestly recommend it to all the congraons within their bounds to give them a Sabath day's collection wt previous intimation with all possible expedition, and that each min[r] shall read the representation of the case of Moyrea to their respective congraons when they intimate sd collection, and M[r] Livingston is to take care of sd collection for Templepatrick, M[r] Allen for Ardmagh, M[r] Cochran for Tyrown, M[r] Hemphill for Monaghan, M[r] Moor for Bangor, M[r] Fergie for Killileagh, M[r] M[c]Bride for Rout, M[r] Ross for Derry, M[r] Laird for Letterkenny, M[r] Hemphill for Strabane, M[r] M[c]Master for Dublin.

A petition from M[rs] Buntin in Sligo, was read setting forth her M[rs] Buntin.

deplorable circumstances and great loss by an accidental fire. The Synod considering her case somewhat extraordinary unanimously agreed to allow her a Sabbath day's collection from each congraon within our bounds, the collectors for Moyrea in the sev^{l} presbys are to take care of this collection.

Balyborough.

A Supplicaon from Balyborough was read wherein they sett forth that they are able to pay but £12 ℔ ann. to their min^{r} and they earnestly plead that this Synod may fall upon some expedient to support them, otherwise their min^{r} who has given in his dimission will be obliged to leave them; after reasoning it was moved and agreed to that each cangraon within our bounds shall pay 13^{d} to Baliborough at next Genl Synod.

The Comm. appointed to consider the affair of St. Johnston report that there is £50 due to Mr Boid by the people of St. Johnston in full of all demands due to him, and that the people of St. Johnston agree to pay one moyety of sd sum on the first of July, and the other moyety on the first of August next, and that all parties agreed to this.

It was moved and agreed to that each congraon within our bounds shall contribute to assist Monreagh cong^{n} in building their meeting-house.

St Johnston.

M^{r} M'Clinto Com^{r} from St. Johnston supplicated that that people may be erected into a congraon, and put under the care of the Presby of Derry; he sets forth that they are about 160 families, and and that they will give £40 ℔ ann. to a min^{r}. M^{r} M'Clinto was heard, and also Mr Boid; he setts forth that he has not rec^{d} above £28 10^{s} ℔ ann. these last three years & a half, and that altho' Taughboin promised him £50 per ann. wt Oats, at his installm^{t}, yet he is willing to accept of £40 ℔ ann. without Oats, provided sd sum be secured to him. It was moved and agreed to that a Comm. of the following Breth^{n} vizt Mr Lind, Mr Cochran, Mr Sterling, Mr Samuel Ross, Mr Homes Senr and Mr Donaldson, Mr Laird, Mr Ball, Mr Thos Kennedy, Mr Dykes, Mr Carlile, Mr Gibson, Mr Dick, Mr Maxwell, Mr Williamson, Mr Fergie, Mr Cunningham, Mr Malcom, Mr Higgingbotham, Mr Ja^{s} White, with an Elder from Preby. shall meet at Monrea the first Wednesday of August next at 9 of the clock in the morning, and a Comm. of Messrs. Lang, Kennedy, Holmes Senr, Reed & McBride are to draw instructions for sd Comm. to be laid before next Session.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon; Concluded with prayer.

Sessio. 5ta

Quo tempore, post preces, Sed^{t} qui supra.

The Comm. appointed to draw instructions for the Comm. to meet at Taughboin brought in a Draught of said Instructions which were read and with some amendments were agreed to in the following words:—

Mr Boid, Monreagh.

1st That altho' Mr Boid had £50 besides Oats promised him at his transportion to Taughboin, yet has consented that if £40 be secured to him on any reasonable foundation he will rest satisfied that it be an instruction to sd Comm. that they shall not erect St. Johnston into a

cong^{n} till they have sufficient evidence of said £40 being secured to Mr Boid or at least that it appear to the Comm. that the people of Monreagh are sufficiently able to pay £40 ℔ ann. and that the Comm. cannot prevail with them to secure sd money then and in that case, we leave it to the Comm. to act as they see cause.

2^{d} That if any person or persons now joining with St. Johnston shall incline to return to Mr Boid and his congregation, that they shall have freedom to do so any time before May 1733 : But that no person now belonging to Mr Boid's Congraon shall have liberty to join with St. Johnston, which shall not be allowed to receive any of them on any pretence whatsoever. Instructions.

3. That as Mr John M'Clinto of Drumon has distinguished himself by his dutiful regard and steady adherence to Mr Boid, that the Comm. do in name of this Synod earnestly desire him to use his good offices to prevail with the Congregaon of Monrea to secure sd £40 to Mr Boid, and we do overture that a letter be written from this Synod to sd M^{r} M'Clinto and the other gentlemen and Session of Monreagh, gratefully acknowledging their adherence to our Bro. Boid and exhorting him to use his utmost endeavours, and them to second him to gett Mr Boid's maintenance secured to him.

4. If that Comm. shall find cause to erect St. Johnston then they shall put that congraon and also Mr Boid's under the care of the presby of Strabane, and in the meantime they are to be supplied by the preby of Derry till the Comm. meet and that unless the £50 be paid according to the agreement made this day, St. Johnston shall not be erected, and in that case we leave it to the Comm. whether they shall injoin the payment of said £50 to Mr Boid before St. Johnston gett any supplies, after said Committee's meeting.

5. That if any of Mr Boid's people shall remove from their present farms, and other of our Communion come in to enjoy their possessions, such shall not be received by St. Johnston but shall be members of Mr Boid's congraon.

Adjourned to 9 *mane*—Concluded with prayer.

Die Ven. Jun. 23, *hora* 9ma *ante merid. post preces, Sed^{t} &c.* Sessio 6ta.

The Comm. appointed to consider the affair of Lisburn brought in their overture wh was read, and the members reasoned a long time upon it and then came to the following Resolutions :— Lisburn.

(1) That a Comm. be appointed to meet at Lisburn on the third Wednesday of October next to act in that affair as they see cause, sd Comm. to consist of the following members, viz : Mr Lang, Mr Mackay and John Campbell, Elder, Mr Donaldson, Mr Ja^{s} Smith, M^{r} McBride, Mr John Hill, and Mr Gawin Steel, Elder, Mr Bapt. Boid, Mr Tho^{r} M'Clain, and Mr Fairns, Elder, Mr Hugh Wallace, Mr John Kennedy, and Mat. Wilson, Elder, Mr Ball, Mr Fairly and Mr Will. Moor Elder, Mr Will. Cunningham, Mr Dav. Harvey, Mr Seaton, Mr Dixon and Alex. Chalmers, Elder, Mr Reed, Mr Fergie, Mr Craford, Mr Hasty, and Mr Oakman, 12 min^{rs} to be a quorum.

Then a question was put, shall we supply the Dissenting party in Lisburn before the meeting of the Comm. or leave it to the Comm. to doe as they see cause, and it carried supply them, and they are to be supplied by Mr Jas Cobham, the third Sabbath hence, Mr Mackay the 5th, Mr King the 7th, Mr Jas White the 9th, Mr Livingston the 11th, Mr Alex. Brown the 13th, Mr Thos Craford the 15th, Mr Hasty the 17th Sabb. hence; and whereas in the course of ye debate upon this affair it appeared some reflections were cast upon Mr Gilbert Kennedy Senr & Junr by Mr Beaty, one of the Comrs of the dissenting party, this matter is to be tryed by the above sd Comm; and whereas Mr Taylor and Mr White said that they could prove that one Geo. Clerk Comr of the dissenting side, said that they had entered into Bonds and Covenants with Mr Dykes to give him £60 ℔ ann. and that he wou'd come to them, this cause is also to be tryed by the above said Comm.

Moywater.

The Senate [Synod] considering the case of Moywater agreed to allow them £10 out of the publick fund per ann. said £10 ℔ ann. to be paid by the presby of Derry, and it is recommended to the Presby. of Strabane to pay all their fund to Moywater excepting the £5 appointed to Sligo, in order to augment the Quota of Moywater.

Aghoghle.

From Aghoghle appeared Mr Clerk, Comr, supplicating that this Synod may take that people under their care; he sets forth that they are about 200 families, and desires they may be put under the care of the Presby of Rout, and may be supplied. Mr Boid is to suply Aghoghle tomorrow, Mr Dykes 2d Sabb., Mr Will Homes jun. the third Sabbath of July, Mr Jas White the 4th Sabbath of August, Mr Tim. White the 1st Sabb. of August, Mr Hugh Wallace the 2d Sabb. of August, and the Presby. of Rount to supply them for ordinary, and take all due care of them.

Adjourned to 4 *a merid.* Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 7ma

Die Ven. Jun. 23, *Hord* 4ta *a merid. Sedt qui supra.*

Drumaul.

From a part of Drumaul congregaon appeared Hugh Hill, &c., Comrs supplicating that their right of electing their pastor may be preserved to them, they were also commissionated to prosecute their appeal from the sentence of the Presby of Templepatrick allowing the call from the major part of that congraon to be drawn to a candidate; their appeal was read, and the reasons of it, as were also the answers of Templepatrick Presby to these reasons.

Appeal discussed

In the name of the major part of Drumaul Congraon appeared Col. O'Hara, Clotworthey O'Neil, Esq., Mr Hen. McCulough, Lieut. Dobbin, &c., Comrs: then the reasons of Appeal and answers of the preby were read again, paragraph by paragraph, and all parties were fully heard, and removed, and after some reasoning, a Question was put approve the conduct of the Preby of Templepatrick in this affair or not, and it carried approve by a great majority.

Greabby.

From Greabby appeared Mr Magill, Mr Roan, &c., Comrs supplicating for an erection at Greaby, but in regard all parties concerned in that cause are not present, the Synod cannot come to any

Determination of that affair; it was therefore agreed to referr this cause to the Comm. which is to meet at Lisburn on the third Wednesday of Octbr next, and in the meantime they shall be supplied as formerly by the Presby of Bangor, till the meeting of said Comm: and in case the Comm. shall not think fit to erect them, yett they shall be supplied as formerly till next Genl Synod, and Mr Gaudie and all parties concerned are to be advertised by the Preby of Bangor, to attend sd Comm. and the preby of Bangor are to attend sd Comm. to give what light they can in that affair.

From one part of Ardstraw called Mr M'Curdie's party appeared Jas Kinkead &c. Comrs supplicating that this Synod may doe them justice in getting Mr M'Curdy to be their Minr, and from that part of Ardstraw which is for Mr Bond appeared Nath. Hood &c. Comrs supplicating that this Synod may concur with them in their attempts to get Mr Bond settled among them. All parties were heard and removed, and the Synod considered this case and came to a Resolution to advise both parties to drop both candidates and to endeavour to unite in some other person. Ardstraw.

A supplicaon from Connor was read wherein they sett forth that tho' they supplicated the Preby of Templepatrick sevl times for a hearing of Mr Thos Thompson a Probationer under the care of the preby of Tyrown yet they had not obtained this request, and therefore had appealed from sd Presbytrey. Connor.

To this Synod the sentence of the Preby of Templepatrick from which they had appealed was read, and then the Appeal and the Reasons of it were read, and all parties heard at great length, and removed, and the Synod after mature deliberation came to the following Resolutions.

1st That tho' there have been some surmises advanced of Mr Thomson's having been guilty of intemperance, yet it does not appear to this Synod that their is any foundation for sd surmises, and his caracter stands unexceptional in that respect.

2d That notwithstanding hereof it does not appear advisable in the present circumstances that Mr Thomson shou'd supply Connor.

3d That we will appoint them supplies from the several Presbys till next Genl Synod.

This Synod agreed that our next Meeting shall be at Ballymenagh, on the 3d Tuesday of June next, Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon. Next Meeting.

Adjourned to 8 *mane:* Concluded with prayer.

Die Sat. Jun. 24, *horâ*, 8va, *Ante Merid. Sedt qui supra.* Sessio 8va.

A Supplicaon from Narrowater was read, that people earnestly plead that in regard of their inability to support the Gosple they may be allowed a share in the publick fund, it was recommended to the Preby of Ardmagh to gett some assistance to sd place from the congraons within their own bounds, and to take all possible care of them. Narrowater.

A supplicaon from Hollywood was read, they earnestly plead that Hollywood.

in regard of their inability to support the Gosple and the deficiency of the private fund promised them, they may be allowed a share of the publick fund; the Synod considering this case agreed to injoin the Preby of Bangor to pay £6 or £7 ℔ ann. of their publick fund to Hollywood.

Bovidy. The Synod took the case of Bovidy under consideraon, and all parties agreed to referr themselves to the report of that affair contained in the Records of the Presby of Rout, sd Records were read and all parties were fully heard and removed, and the Synod after reasoning resolved to confirm the sentence of the Preby of Rout upon this affair, and ordered sd Preby to secure £10 of the fund formerly allowed to Mr Fran. Ross to Bovidy.

Connor Supplyed Rout to supply Connor the month of July by Mr Fowler, Templepatrick the month of August by Mr Leaths, Tyrown for September, Ardmagh for Octobr, Bangor for Novr, Killileagh for December, Letterkenny for January, Monaghan for February, Derry for March, Strabane for Aprile, and they are to pay 10 shillings ℔ diem to the snppliers, and maintain man and horse, and they may stop these supplies from the Synod when they think fitt.

Port Glenone. It is agreed that Port Glenone be exempted from paying any publick fund on account of their peculiar circumstances.

Ordered that the Preby of Derry shall pay £1 7s of old debt due by them to John Fee, and that each minr in this Synod shall bring 6d from his Session to the widow of sd John Fee, to next Genl Synod.

The revisers of the Sub-Synod Books, vizt of Ardmagh, Derry and Belfast report that they revised said Books, and do approve them, and so doth this Synod.

Agreed that each congraon within the Bounds of the Synods of Ardmagh and Derry shall pay 2s 6d, and each congraon within the bounds of the Synod of Belfast 5s 5d towards defraying some old debts due by Mr Will. Murdock, a Probationer, now deceased; Mr David Harvey to collect for Derry, Mr John Cochran for Rout, Mr Hemphill for Strabane, Mr Laird for Letterkenny, Mr M'Clain for Monaghan, Mr Allen for Ardmagh, Mr McMaster for Dublin, Mr John Kennedy for Tyrown.

Minutes being read: Concluded with prayer.

1st Interloqr Sedt Pastores.

The following overture was brought in by the Comm. of Overtures viz: Whereas the Genl Synod has always a fixt comm. to be called for the management of our publick affairs, and particularly for drawing addresses to the Government upon proper occasions, and whereas some members of the Preby of Monaghan have taken upon them to draw an Address to the King in name of the Protestant Dissenters in the counties of Monaghan, Cavan, Longford and Tyrown in a clandestine manner without consulting the Synod's Comm. which practice was like to be attended wt pernicious consequences to our publick interests: We overture

1st. That the minrs who drew up said Address in such manner shall be reproved by the Genl Synod.

2d. That if any ministers or ministers belonging to this Synod shall presume for the future to draw up any address to the King or Government in a clandestine manner, in name of any part of the Protestant Dissenters in Ulster belonging to this Synod, such Minister or Ministers shall upon conviction be suspended by the Presby or Presbys whereof they are members till the next meeting of the Genl Synod: this overture was read and unanimously approven.

2d Interloqr

It was moved & agreed to that a Letter be written to Kilmore Congraon to exhort them to be easy in continuing under the care of the Preby of Killileagh; Mr Masterton to draw up sd Letter and to second it wt his good offices.

3d. It was moved in order to make the fund effectual that each Minr whose congraon is deficient in paying the fund, shall be oblidged to appoint a publick collection yearly, and give previous intimaon thereof to his people, and exhort them to their duty, and if any minister shall neglect to appoint sd collection, he shall be censured by his Preby and if any Elder refuse to collect he also shall be censured by his Preby and we exhort the Prebys to take all due pains with these congraons who are deficient to excite them to pay their fund, and particularly that they would cause another to exchange a day with the minr of those deficient congraons to exhort sd people of their duty; this was unanimously agreed to.

It was moved and agreed to that Mr Wirling shall have a share of R.D. to commence from this Midsummer.

A General Synod at Ballimenagh, June 19, 1733.

Mr Alexr Brown the former Modr opened this Synod by preaching from 2 Cor. 4 : 5, and constituted the Synod by prayer, and the Roll was called. A list of the Members of this Synod is upon record in the the Genl Synod's Book (as follows) :—

MINISTERS.

Strabane Preby.	Dublin Preby.	Letterkenny.	Bangor.
Messrs.—			
Will. Homes	Robt. Craighead	Seth Drumond	Robt Cunningham
Neh. Donaldson	Hu. Henry	Jon. Ball	And. Malcom
Alex. M'Cracken	Jon. Alexander	Sam. Dunlop	Jam. Stewart
Victor Ferguson		Fran. Laird	Robt. Gaudy
Jos. Hemphill	Monaghan Preb.	David Fairley	
Jam. Smith		James Cochran	Killyleagh.
And. Welsh	Bapt. Boid	Pat. Vannce	* * *
	Alex. Fleming	Jon. Holmes	Templepatrick.
	Will. Hair		
	Sam. Hemphill		Alex. Brown

MINISTERS.

Colerain Presb.

Char. Lind
Hen. Neil
Robt. Wirling
Will. Boid
Sam. Dunlop
Jon. Porter
Fran. Ross
Jon. Orr
Jon. Hill
Jam. M'Creight
Hu. Scot
Mr Fowler

Monaghan Preb.

Jam. Bond
Jon. Carlisle
Jon. Algio
Nath. Glasgow
Jon. Gibson
Will. Ambrose

Tyrone Preby.

Jon. Kennedy
Jam. Dykes
Hugh Sharp
Thos Thomson

Letterkenny.

Jon. M'Gachin
Luke Ash.

Derry.

Jon. Harvey
Thos Winsley
Jon. Sterling
Hance Stewart
Thos Harvey
Thos Strawbridge
Major Murray
Ninian Cochran
Will. Cuningham
And. Ferguson

Templepatrick.

Rob. Higginbothom
Jam. Whyte
Tim. White
Will. Thomson
Will. Holmes
Thos Brown

Armagh.

Geo. Lang
Gilb. Kennedy
Jon. Menagh
Geo. Cherry
Jam. Allen
Jon. King
Will. Dick
Jon. Maxwell
Thos Creighton

ELDERS.

Strabane.

Robt. Howey.

Colerain.

Jon. Ramsay
Mat. Longwill
Robt. Reid
Jon. Alexander
Sam. Boyd
Gawen Steel
Jon. Wallace
Hu. Davison
Wm Atkin
Robt. Stewart

Dublin.

Mr Wm Cathwit

Monaghan.

Wm Simon

Tyrone.

Jon. Laird
Jon. Wiley
Wm Ramsey
Robt. Eliot
Gabl Maclain
Jon. M'Creight
Wm Joyce

Letterkenny.

Moses Baird

Derry.

Mat. Caldwell
Jon. Arskin

Bangor.

Alex. Anderson
Alex. McKee
Arch. Peterson
Ed. McKee
Jas Orr
Jon. Taggart
Thos Crooks

Killyleagh.

Alex. Moor
Jon. King
Adam Dogh

Templepatrick.

Davd McKee
Rob. Gamble
Jon. Hasty
Paul Brown
Tho. Blair
Alex. Brown
Thos Begs
Robt. Allen
Will. Maxwell
Tho. Maclure
Wm McConell
Thos Steel
Jon. Richey
Mr. Stewart
Jon. Boyd
Tho. Hunter.
Jas. Martin

Modr chosen.

The former Modr desiring that a new Modr may be chosen, a Leet of the following Brethren was proposed, vizt. Mr Lind, Mr James White, Mr Crooks, Mr Wm Homes, Senr, Mr Bapt. Boid, Mr Johnston, Mr Dunlop, Mr Frazer, Mr Moor, that one of them may be chosen Modr and these Brethren being heard and removed, the question was put, and Mr Lind was chosen Modr by plurality of voices, and Mr Mackay was continued Clerk.

Clerk.

Ordered that the several Presbys return the names of their members for the several Committees, viz : of Overtures, Bills, Books, & for the Fund, & for the Genl Synod's fixt Committee, as also the names of those they have ordained, licensed or installed, and of any of their number that are dead ; or any they have upon Trials or to be entered on trials to our clerk, before next Sederunt.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet here for prayer at 8 tomorrow morning, & continue in prayer till 10.

Adjourned to 10 *mane*. Concluded wh prayer.

Sessio 2da. Die Mer. Jun. 20, hora 10 mane, post preces Sedt &c. Sessio. 2da

The time appointed for prayer was spent accordingly.

These following Brethren being absent from this Synod are excused for reasons now offered, viz: Mr Iredell, Mr Craighead, Mr Alexander, Mr Jas Maxwell, Mr Dean, Mr Plunket, Mr Carlile, Mr Wilson, Mr Glasgow, Mr Gibson, Mr Cornwall, Mr M'Clave, Mr Hugh Wallace, Mr Drummond, Mr Robt. Thompson, Mr Saml Ross, Mr Murray, Mr Ninian Cochran, Mr James Stuart, Mr Masterton, Mr Dixon, Mr Hamilton, Mr Shannon, Mr James Reid, Mr Smith, Mr Rainey, Mr Gordon, Mr John Maxwell. Absents excused

These following Brethren being absent are not excused viz: Mr Humphry Thomson, Mr Saml Hemphill, Mr Stirling, Mr Hance Stewart, Mr Strawbridge, Mr Seaton, Mr Higginbothom, Mr Alex. Ried. Not excused.

The presby. of Bangor report that they have ordained Mr James Mackay at Bangor, Nov. 15, 1732 & Mr James Stewart at Donaghadee, March 7, 1732/3, they both subscribed according to order, & that Mr Macalpin died Oct. 27, 1732, & Mr Gaudy, March 20, 1732/3. Ordained. Dead.

The Presby. of Ardmagh report that they have licensed Mr James Moody, he subscribed according to order and that they designe to enter on Tryals Mr James Lang. Licensed

The Presby. of Rout report that Mr Saml Dunlop gave in his dimission which was excepted off and that he left their bounds about January last, and that they have licensed Mr John Sample, and that they design to enter upon Tryals Mr Saml Boys, Mr Brown, Mr. Cochran, Mr Elder, Mr. Knox, Mr Mitchell & Mr Duffin.

Templepatrick Presby. report that they have ordained Mr Will. Henderson at Drumaul, October 12, 1732, & Mr Leas at Islemagee, Feby. 12, 1732, & Mr Hu. Scott at Killead, Apl. 9, 1733, & that they have licensed Mr John Moat & Mr Robt Jaminson. Ordained.

Derry Presby report that Mr John Harvey Junr died Feby. 7, 1732/3, and that they have licensed Mr Will. Armstrong.

Killileagh Presby. report that they have ordained Mr Alex. M'Comb at Craigin, Ap. 18, 1733.

Monaghan presby report that they have installed Mr James Hamilton at Oldcastle May ye 15, 1733, & that they ordained Mr Alex. McKie at Drumdartry May 16, 1733, and Mr Wm Ambrose at Kinneard Augst. 2, 1732, and that they entered on 2d Tryals Mr Thos Bond. Installed.

Letterkenny Presby report that they have ordained Mr Luke Ash at Sligo, Augt. 9, 1733, and yt they have Mr Wm Wilson on 2d tryals.

The Genl Synod's fixt Comm. is to consist of the following members, viz:

General Synod's fixt Committee.

Ardmagh, Mr Lang, Mr Johnston, Mr Cherry, & John Campbell, Elder.

Rout, Mr Wirling, Mr. Jon. Cochran, and Mr Gaw. Steel, Elder.

Killileagh, Mr Fergie, Mr Kennedy, and Elder.

Tyrone, Mr John Kennedy, Mr Cochran, and Mr Agnew, Elder.

Letterkenny, Mr Fairly, Mr Magachin and Mr John Laird, Elder.

Templepatrick, Mr James White, Mr Frazer, and Mr Hen. Magill, Elder.

Monaghan, Mr Hemphill, Mr Plunket, and Robt. Neily, Elder.

Bangor, Mr Seaton, Mr Mackay, and Alex. Chambers, Elder,

Strabane, Mr Donaldson, Mr Jo^s Hemphill and Mr John Wilson Elder.

Derry, Mr Andrew Ferguson, Mr David Harvey and Mr Robt. Harvey, Elder.

They are to be called by our Mod^r to meet at Dongannon upon emergents, 15 to be a Quorum, 12 whereof to be min^rs.

Ordered that the money due to Mrs Tomb & Mrs Stirling be now paid by the several members.

Charity.

The Synod finding that several presbys. have not paid the 5 shill. each Minister promised at last Synod to Mrs Fleming of Lurgan, ordered that said money be paid before 29th Septr next

The applotment in favour of Dunfanachy is continu'd, Mrs Bunting's collection is to be paid by such as have it here to Mr Ash and those who have it not here, are ordered to transmitt it to Mr Samuel Dunlop of Letterkenny.

Ordered that our Treasurer pay to Mrs Wilson of Bayly Borrough one shill. for each min^r of the General Synod.

Adjourned to 5, *a merid* : Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 3.

Sessio 3^tia Die Mer. horâ 5ta a merid. post preces, Sed^t &c.

Ardstraw.

From a part of Ardstraw appeared Saml Boid &c Com^rs they presented a supplication complaining of sevl greivances they alledge they are laid under by the presby. of Strabane, and from the major part of Ardstraw appeared Jos. Dean &c Com^rs supplicating yt this Synod may concurr with them in their attempt to get Mr Andrew Welshe to be their min^r and that the presby of Strabane may be ordered to proceed to settle said Mr Welshe among them. After long reasoning, it was moved that some members be sent out first to converse with the presby of Strabane & then with both parties of Ardstraw, which was done accordingly. These members being returned, all parties were heard again at great length, and then removed, and after long reasoning, the question was put, shall we allow the presby. of Strabane to proceed to settle Mr Welshe in Ardstraw, or not, & it carried allow by a great majority; and Mr Winsley is to supply Ardstraw Sabbath come eight days

and to do all the good offices he can to persuade the dessenting partie of Ardstraw to except Mr Welshe to be their minr and so endeavour to prevent any breach among them. Parties were called and this sentance intimated to them.

A Supplication from Moywater was read, wherein they ernestly pray that ye £18 of the fund formerly promised them may be made effectual; that Mr Wilson whom they have now called may be encouraged to settle among them, & that the £10 of the fund allowed them last year from the Presby of Derry may be now paid to Mr Wilson in regard yt he has often supplied them since last Synod; the Presby of Derry is ordered to pay sd £10 to Mr Wilson. Moywater.

Adjourned to 10 *mane:* Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 4ta—Die Jovis hora decima mane, post preces, Sedt &c. Sessio 4.

From Grange appeared James Weir, &c., Comrs they set forth in their supplication that Mr John Henderson had dimitted his charge of them, and left them to provide for their own edification. They desire to be put under the care of the Presby of Rout, & to be supplied. After reasoning it was moved & agreed to that Aghochill and Grange shall be put under the care of the presby of Rout till next Genl Synod to be supplied or annexed to neighbouring congregations as they shall see cause. Grange

Next meeting of this Synod is to be at Derry, on the third Tuesday of June next; Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon.

From St. Johnston appeared Will. Harvey &c. Comrs ernestly supplicating that the people of St. Johnston may be erected into a distinct congregation, and may be continued under the care of ye presby of Derry. The minutes of ye Comm. which met at Monreah last year by appointment of the Genl Synod were read, and Mr Boid and the Comrs from St. Johnston were fully heard & removed, and after long reasoning, it was moved and agreed to that a comm. of Mr Laird, Mr Gilbert Kennedy, Mr Livingston, Mr Holmes Senr, Mr Thos Kennedy, Mr McBride, Mr Brown, Mr Bapt. Boid, shall go out and consider this affair, & bring in an overture to next Sedt. St Johnston

Adjourned to 5 *a merid.* Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 5ta—Die Jovis, horâ 5ta A Merid. post preces, Sedt &c. Sessio 5ta

From a part of Drumaul Congr appeared John Hunter, Robt. Mulligan &c. Comrs supplicating that they may be disannexed from the congregaon of Drumaul, and from ye major part of sd congregation appeared Clotworthy O'Neil, Esq., Mr Hen. M'Culough, and sevl other Gentn Comrs; and then the reasons of said discontented parties for desiring such Dismisses were read, and the answers of Drumaul Comrs to these reasons were read, as were also all papers relating to sd cause; and all parties were fully heard & removed and the members reasoned some time upon this case, and after mature deliberation upon what was offered by the parties, were of oppinion that these complainants have not offered any reason why they should not submit to Mr Henderson's Drumaul.

ministry, they not having offered any exception ag^{t} his doctrine or conversation; and the Question was put, Grant them Dismisses or not, and it carried not, *nemine contradicente.*

Adjourned to 9 *mane;* Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 6. *Sessio 6ta—Die Ven horâ 9na, mane, post preces, Sed^{t} &c.*

Taughboin. The Comm. appointed to consider the affair of Taughboin brought in their overt. which were read, & after reasoning, some amendments were made, & they were agreed to in the following words:—

1st That in case this Synod shall erect sd people into a congregation, that no members of the old congregaon of Taughboin adhering to Mr Boid's ministry in June, 1732, shall be rec^{d} as members of ye congregaon of St. Johnston.

2dly That if any belonging at fores^{d} time to St. Johnston shall incline or desire to return hereafter to Mr Boid's ministry, they shall be received as members at Monreath, which liberty is to continue no longer than St. Johnston shall be settled with a Min^{r} but that none shall be allowed to withdraw from the old congregation who were members in 1732 aforesaid.

3dly In case any belonging to ye old congregaon of Taughboin be removed by death or other ways, the successors to ye dwelling place of such being of our Communion shall be members of the old congregation of Taughboin.

4th That no neighbouring Congregation shall receive any of the members of the congregaon without such regular Dismisses as in such cases are usually required.

5th That in case the people of St. Johnston be erected into a congregaon, then sd congregaon shall be under the care of the Presby of Derry.

6th That the presby of Rout shall as soon as conveniently they can, meet at Monreath, and use all diligence & care to advance and secure the yearly Stipend of £40 ster. to the Rev. Mr Boid, and use all endeavours to preserve the exercise of his ministry among them with comfort and peace; then the question was offered, shall we erect St. Johnston into a congregation with ye Limitaons or not, and it carried Erect by a great majority.

This Synod enjoins all the congregations who have not collected for Moyra to assist them in building their Meeting house, according to the app^{mt} of former Synods to make sd collections with previous Intimations and transmitt them to Moyra as soon as possible.

Greabby. From Greabby appeared Messrs. Hu. Catherwood, Will. Magill, Com^{rs} supplicating that Greabbey may be erected into a distinct congregaon; they set forth that they will give in undeniable security for £30 per ann. and 10 pounds worth of victualling and turf, and if this Synod insist upon it, Capt. Montgomery will give security for sd sum.

And from Bellywalter appeared Will. M'Kie, &c., Com^{rs} supplicating that Greabbey may [not] be erected into a congregation, otherways their congregaon will be destroyed: All parties were heard and re-

moved, and in the course of the reasoning it was moved and agreed to yt no cong^n which shall be erected out of another shall have or be allowed to have any share of the publick fund, and then the Synod considered the Limitations necessarie to be laid downe in case we erect Grayabby : and first, it is resolved that no person living in the 10 Townes now belonging to Newton or of their successors of our Communion shall be rec^d as members by Grayabby, upon any pretence whatsoever, and the said Denominations now belonging to Newton shall still continue so.

2dly That Donaghadee shall not be affec^d by said erection or by Bellywalter in consequence of it.

The Comm^rs of Grayabby insisted on it that Mr Gaudie's promise that they should have their seats when regularly erected be recorded in our minutes; and then the question was put Erect Grayabby or not, and it carried erect by a great majority.

Adjourned to 5 *a meridie.* Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 7ma Die Ven. Hora 5ta A Merid. post preces Sed^t &c. Sessio 7

From a part of Lisburn congregation appeared Will. Beaty, Thomas Gurnall &c. Com^rs supplicating that they may be disannexed from the Presby of Bangor & put under the care of some other presby, and from another part of said congregation appeared Thos Small and James Fulton Com^rs supplicating that this Synod may use their endeavours to reunite the two contending parties. Lisburn.

After reasoning it was agreed to that Mr Livingston, Mr Brown, M^r McMaster, Mr Vict. Ferguson, & Mr Allen shall goe out & converse with ye Comm^rs of the major partie and make report, and whereas an aspersion had been cast upon Mr Dykes at last Genl Synod that the major party had entered into bonds & covenants with him and that he was to come to them & one Thos Graham was mentioned as evidence to prove said allegaon, a paper was now produced, attested by 4 evidences, solemnly declaring that Thos Graham says he never said any such thing.

From Bellinahinch appeared Mr David White Comm^r supplicating that whereas they had a majority of votes for Mr Alex. M'Clain that this Synod may concurr with them in their attempts to gett M^r M'Clain settled among them and offered several reasons to enforce their petition : and from another part of said congregaon appeared Comm^rs supplicating that both Mr Gaudie whom they voted for, and M^r McClain whom the other party voted for may be laid aside. Parties were heard and removed, and after reasoning it was moved and agreed to that the Presby of Bangor shall make a new Scrutiny into that affair and if they find upon a strict enquirie that two thirds of said congregation are for M^r McClain then they are to concurr with said two-thirds if able to support a min^r in settling M^r McClain in Bellnahinch, and to endeavour to bring the minority to a compliance. Belnahinch.

An appeal from the Rev. Presby of Killileagh by the Rev. Mr Mich. Bruce, the Minutes of that Presby being read, came orderly before this Synod. The appeal was read, and after reasoning, it was Mr Bruce

moved and agreed to that a Comm. shall meet at Killileagh upon the last Wednesday of July; said comm. to consist of the following members: vizt Mr Brown, Mr Craford, Mr Frazer, Mr Dixson, Mr Cuningham, Mr Malcom, Mr Mountgomery, Mr King, Mr Allen, M^{r} McClain, and Mr Robt. Tompson, to give sentence in these appeals and to endeavour to issue that affair, and if they find upon a strict enquiry that Mr Bruce's demands appear just to said comm^{ee} they are to recomend the payment of the money, and the presby of Killileagh are to attend said comm^{e}.

Fund.

It is agreed that a select comm. for regulating the fund shall meet at Ardmagh on the first Wednesday of Octr next, at 10 o'clock in the morning: and this Synod empowers said comm. to manage all affairs relating to the fund, sd comm. to consist of the following members, vizt Mr David Hearvy, Mr Saml Dunlop, Mr Jo^{s} Hemphill, Mr Alex. Brown, Mr Andrew Malcom, Mr Saml Fergie, Mr Robt. McBride, Mr John Kennedy, Bap^{t} Boid, and Mr Geo. Cherry; they are to take care in the first place, of the Frontier congregaons and to place their Localities upon the surest foot, and if any congregaons have too much fund alloted ym they are to deduct from their Quota & give it to those who need it more—and the presbys are enjoined to meet before that time and instruct their members in all matters relating to the fund.

It is the opinion of this Synod that Monreath congregaon ought to be disolved, and annexed to the sev^{l} congregations to wh they formerly belonged.

The Comm. appointed to converse with the major party of Lisburne report that they had no success in their negotiations.

Adjourned to 7 *mane*. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 8.

Sessio 8va—*Die Saturn, hora* 7ma *mane post preces, Sed^{t} &c*

Lisburn.

The Synod resumed the consideration of the affairs of Lisburn, and after long reasoning, having maturely weighed what was offered by the several parties came to the following resolutions:—

(First) That it is our deliberate judgment that it is our [the] duty of the two contending parties in Lisburn to reunite into one congregation in regard that this reunion wou'd tend to the glory of God, & the credit of Religion; whereas their continuing in a divided state tends much to the dishonour of God, the wounding and reproach of Religion, and exceedingly marrs their own comfort and edification.

2^{ly} It is our judgem^{t} that in order to obtain that valuable end the preby to which they shall belong shall supply not separately but *p vices* till next Genl Synod unless their coalition happens sooner, and as soon as their coalition happens which we must observe we order the preby to which they shall belong to proceed to plant them in a regular way.

These Resolutions were voted and approven. The Comm^{rs} of Lisburn desired to be under the care of the presby of Templepatrick: sd presby after some deliberation offered to take both parties of said congregation under their care for the space of 4 months, and to supply

them *p vices*, and also to advise both parties to do every thing in their power to promote the desired union among them, in which if they have success they are to consent to continue their care of said people & to plant them in an orderly way, but if they should fail of the wished for success, in that cause they desire that the Gen[l] Synod's Comm. be called on that occasion to take care of said people, and put them under the inspection of such presby as they see fit; this was agreed to.

Agreed that a letter be written by our Clerk to the Presby of Derry and one to Strabane Presby and one to Tyrone to excite them to pay their fund. Concluded with prayer.

Interloq[r] Sederunt Pastores.

It was moved that M[r] Wirling should gett his share of R.D. from the time he was reponed. This was agreed to.

The proceedings of a Comm. of Min[rs] and gentmen mett lately at Antrim were laid before us, also a letter from friends in Dublin was communicated to this Interloq[r], acquainting us that it is their oppinion that it will not be expedient to send over any Comm[rs] to facilitate our affairs, but they judge it convenient to comitt the management of the same to M[r] Hamilton now in London. The Interloq[r] agreed to this proposal

Agreed that each presby shall pay 13d to M[r] Alex. Brown for transcribing papers on that occasion.

This Interloq[r] agrees that M[r] Taylor, M[r] Drumond and M[r] Wilson shall each of them have one shill. and sixpence from each Min[r] of this Synod, the first paymt to commence at June 1734.

This Interloq[r] agrees that each vacant congregation before they propose to any min[r] or probationer shall supplicate their presby for advice.

2[dly]. That in all such application from any vacant cong[n] for advice, two thirds of the Presby shall concurr with said vacant cong[n] in calling said min[r]. or probationer.

Thirdly, it is agreed that unless two thirds of any vacant congregation shall aggree in their choice of a Pastor, the Presby shall not concurr with their call, & said two thirds are to be reconed both from the number quality and stipend of the congregation.

Copied from M[r] Mackay's Papers by

GEO. LANG, Clk.

But there not being a correct list of ye members wh constituted ye Gen[l] Synod of 1733 the Clk. thought best not to prefix any list as usually is done.

MEMORANDUM.

The Transcriber of ye Minutes of 1734 having neglected to prefix ye list of ye members of the Synod ye same will be found in ye Minutes.

GEO. LANG, Cl. Syn. Gen[l].

A Genl Synod at Londonderry, June 18th, 1734

Mr Charles Lynd the former Mod^{r} opned this Synod by preaching from John 17 : 20-21 verses, and constituded the Synod by prayer.

Moderater.

Roll was called. A List of this Synod is in record in the General Synod's book.

The former Mod^{r} desiring that a new Mod. may be chosed, a Leet of the following Min^{rs} was proposed, viz: Messrs. Saml Dunlop, Saml Hemphill, Alex. Fleming, Robt. Higginbothom, Ja^{s} Alexander, Wm Holmes Senr, Seth Drummond, Jas. White, Bap. Boid, Thos Wensley, John Ball, that one of them may be chosen to preside in this Synod. The Breth^{n} being heard and removed, the Question was put, and Mr Alexander was chosen by plurality of voices.

Clerk chosen.

Then a Leet of Brethren, viz: Messrs Geo. Lang, Alex. Brown, Jos. Hemphill, Wm Boyd, Ja^{s} Cochran, & Saml Ross was proposed that one of them might be chosen Clerk to this Synod, and the Roll being called, Mr Geo. Lang was chosen by plurality of voices.

Ordered that the sev^{l} presbys do tomorrow morning make returns of their members for the sev^{l} Comittees for Overtures, Bills, Books, and funds, and for Genl Synod's fixed Committee : also the names of those they have since last Synod ordained, installed or licensed, and of any of their members that are dead, or any they have upon tryals, or to be entered upon tryals.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod do meet here for prayer at 8 tomorrow morning, and continue in prayer to 10 when the Synod is to be opened.

Adjourned to 10 *mane*. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 2^{d}.

Sessio 2da. *June* 19, *hora decima ante merid.* Synod constituded.

The time appointed for prayer was spent in it accordingly.

Absents excused.

Excuses were now offered and excepted from Absents from last Synod, absents from this Synod ; and excused are Messrs. Maclaine Senr, Walace, Rainey, Johnston, Gordon, Maclaine Junr, Alex^{r} Reid, Wirling, Iredell, Humph. Thomson, Wm Wilson, Thos Maclain, Plunket, Cornwall, Crooks, Thos Kennedy, Macleave, Hu. Wallace, Robt Thomson, Nath. Cochran, Ja^{s} Orr, Sharp, Jo. Cochran, Knox, Ja^{s} Thomson, Ja^{s} Stuart, Masterton, Wm Smith, Jun, Nathl Orre, Jam. Reid, Shannon, Wm Smith, Senr, McColm, Leech, Cobham, Livingston, Henderson.

Not excused.

Not excused are Messrs Robt. Thomson of Ardmagh Presby, McMaster, Patten, Dean, Ja^{s} Hamilton, Robt. Stewart, Seaton, Dixson, Moor, Fran. Montgomery, Alex. Hamilton, Ja^{s} Mackay, Williamson, Fergey, Thos Scott, Frazer, Craford, Moorhead, Leathes.

Ordained.

Presby. of Ardmagh Report that they have ordained since last Synod Mr Tho^{r} Creghton at Moyra, May the 27th, 1734, and the day following Mr James Moody at Magherally, who both subscribed the Synod's formula ; and Mr Mackay [Clerk] died Novr 14th.

Strabane presby report that they have ordained since last Synod Mr Andrew Welshe, at Ardstraw, August the 22, & licensed Mr Jas Menagh, and Mr Geo. Carson, who all subscribed the Synod's Formula: they also report they have in tryals for ordination Mr Saml Hemphill, who designs to pass into the Plantations in America. Ordained

Colerain Presby. report that they have licensed Messrs. Robt. Brown, Saml Boyce, John Elder, and Jas Cochran, who all subscribed the Synod's formula, and have entered on Tryals Messs Robt. Knox, Adam Duffy, Dan Mitchell, in order to being Licensed, and on second tryals Mr David Smyly. Licensed.

Tyrone Presby report that they have entered on first tryals Mr Saml Cowan, and that Mr Mulligan died January last.

Derry Presby report yt they design to enter on first Tryals, Messrs. Wm Callender, David Walker, Jon. Betty, Wm Hair, Robt. Henery, Henery Askin, and Mr Thos Bond on second tryals.

Bangor Presby report that they have ordained Mr Robt. Gaudy at Bellywalter, Aprile the 9th, who subscribed the Synod's Formula and have entred on second tryals Mr Alexr M'Clain.

Mr Gilbert Kennedy of Killileagh presby. reports that they design to enter on first tryals Messrs. Alexander Clements and McKibbin.

Templepatrick presby. report that they ordained in May last Mr Robt. Jameson, and Mr James Martin for the Ministry in the Plantations in America. [Pensilvania], and that the first had a call. They also report they design to enter on first Tryals Messrs. Jon. Maconell, Robt. Gilliland, Jon. Macullagh, and Clotworthy Gaudy—also ordained Mr Thos Fowler at Connor Augt. 18th: he subscribed the Synod's Formula.

The Synod recommends to the sevl presbys to pay 18d each to the Minrs Widows mentioned in our last year's minutes.

Also recommends it to Comittee of Overtures to bring in an overture to make the payment to the Minrs widows more effectual especially from Members abst from meetings of this Synod.

Ordered that Mrs Teath be added to the number of Ministers' Widows, the Comittee of Overtures is desired to bring in an overture to the Interloqr, concerning a supply for her, on account of her present distressed circumstances as to her person and family.

The Synod being informed that some whole presbys and diverse members of others have not paid the 5s each Minr, to Mrs Fleming according to orders of last Synod—the Synod now recommends to the sevl presbys and members to pay said money to Mr John Menagh.

It is also recommended to such Minrs as have not pay'd the collection for Mrs Bunting of Sligo, that they now pay it to Mr Ashe.

A supplication from some members of Ardstraw Congn complaining that the presby of Strabane refuse to license some papers which they desire may come before this Synod, was now presented: the Synod reffers this to the Committee of Bills.

Ordered that all the Committees do meet at 3 afternoon, and the Interloq^{r} at 4—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 3.

Sessio 3^{tia} hora 5ta, a meridie. Synod being constituted,

Returns of subscriptions.

1st. An overture from the Comm. of Overtures was now presented, vizt 1st whereas the terms in which returnes are made of subscriptions of persons ordained and Licensed, viz: "they subscribed according to order," are judged to be Ambiguous, It is overtured that for the future all returnes to the Synod shall be thus, "They subscribed the Synod's Formula."

Questions at Ordination.

2^{d}. That some brethren be appointed to draw up a form of Questions to be used by all Ordainers of Intrants into the min^{y}, which Formula when drawn up shall be transmitted to the sev^{l} presbys in order to its being considered by them before the use of said Questions be enjoined by the Genl Synod.

These Overtures were read and unanimously agreed to.

And Mr Gilbert Kennedy Senr and Mr Alex. Brown, Mr Robt. McBride and Mr Livingston do meet at Templepatrick to draw up said form.

Moywater.

The Minutes of last Synod in relation to Moywater were now read, and the presby of Derry are ordered imediately to pay the £10 due to that cong^{n} as appears by last Synod's Minutes to Mr Wilson now Pastor of that congregation and settled in it upon the credit of the Fund.

Moyra.

The Synod finding sev^{l} Ministers have not contributed towards the erecting of a meeting house at Moyra, earnestly exhorts them to perform their promise to that congregation which is under a considerable debt upon the credit of the Synod.

It was now reported to this Synod that the Comittee appointed by last Synod to meet at Killileagh did not meet, the excuses of some members were now heard and excepted.

This Synod renews the appointment on these breth^{n} who are to meet upon notice from Mr Bruce or the presby of Killileagh that said meeting is desired by either of the parties whom Mr Gilbert Kennedy Junr is to acquaint with this appointment.

And whereas Mr Frazer did attend at the appointed time for said Comittee's meeting, Mr Livingston is now appointed to goe in his place, if a meeting be desired as above mentioned.

Members of Gen. Synod's Committee.

The General Synod's Committee is to consist of the following members, viz:—

Presby of Armagh, Messrs. Johnston, Cherry, Lang, clk.S.G; Jon. Campbell, Elder.

,, Strabane, Messrs. Donaldson, Jos. Hemphill, Mr John Wilson, Elder.

,, Colerain, Messrs. Wirling, Jon. Cochran, Mr Gawen Steel, Elder.

Presby of Tyrone, Mrs Jon. Kennedy, Cochran, Mr Agnew, Elder.
,, Letterkenny, Messrs Fairley, Magachin, Mr John Laird, Elder.
,, Derry, Messrs Andw. Ferguson, David Harvey, Mr Robt. Harvey, Elder.
,, Monaghan, Messrs Saml Hemphill, Plunket, Robt. Neely, Elder.
,, Bangor, Messrs. Seaton, Mackay, Alexander Chambers, Elder.
,, Killileagh, Messrs. Fergy, Kennedy, ——— Elder.
,, Templepatrick, Messrs. Jas Whyte, Frazer, Mr Hen. Magill, Elder.

To meet at Dunganon when called upon emergents, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 to be minrs.

Interloqr tomorrow morning at 8 and ye Synod at 9—Concluded with prayer. Quorum

Sessio 4ta 20 of June *hora nona ante merid. post preces Sedt &c.* Sessio. 4.

From Lisburn, viz those of the new Meeting-house appeared Comrs Mr Wm Betty, & Wm Story who presented a supplication earnestly desiring they may be erected into a distinct congregation, alledging sevl reasons why they should not re-unite with their brethren of the old Meeting-house, perticularly that they have erected a Meeting-house for themselves. Lisburn.

Mr Wm Wilson and Jas. Fulton Comrs from the other part, viz: those of the old Meeting-house presented a supplication earnestly desiring a reunion with their neighbours, offering several reasons for their being a united congregation and to come to a Poll about the choice of a Pastor. Both parties were fully heard and removed; this difficult affair was very deliberately considered and the whole minutes of Templepatrick presby relating thereunto were read, by which it appears that said Presby hath used all the diligence prudence directed for healing the divisions of that people, and uniting them into one congregation. Sevl Members spoke on this affair, and after reasoning both Mr Brown and Mr Dykes the Minrs ye contending parties seemed inclined to choose, spoke on this occasion. Mr Alex. Brown desired they might be advised to entertain no further thought about him, expressing his utmost aversion to such a proposal.

Mr Dykes denied his having any hand in keeping up the division in Lisburn, and his having given any encouragement to that people to have thoughts of choosing him, but yt ye Synod might do as they pleased. A motion that a Committee be appointed to converse with the parties and bring in an overture for accomodating this troublesome affair, being generally approved, a Comittee of the following brethren was appointed for this end: viz:—Messrs. Stirling, Craghead, McBride, Higginbothom, Saml Ross, Holmes, Senr, and Laird, who in the fifth session delivered their oppinion in writing in the following Resolutions.

Resolutions

1st. That after discousring the Comrs from both parties and pressing them earnestly to reunion, Resolved that Mr Brown and Mr Dykes, the minrs the parties are now set upon, should be laid aside, and that no call should be given to either, and that if it shou'd, that the Synod will not concurr in transporting either of them to Lisburn.

2d. That the Synod is unanimously of opinion that allowing a new erection in Lisburn would be of the worst consequence and must by no means be allowed.

3d. That the Synod do indulge the parties in naming such ministers and probationers as shall supply them till next Synod, and they preach *p vices*, and hear without distinction in their several Meeting-houses, and in case of any disappointment, the presby of Templepatrick is to provide supplys for them.

These Resolutions were unanimously approved by the Syond, only Mr Brown & Mr Dykes excepted from being suppliers.

Adjourned to 10 *mane*. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio. 5.

Sessio 5*ta*. *June* 21—the Synod being constituted,

Ardstraw

The affair of Ardstraw came now before us: appeared from that part that disent from Mr Welshe, Jas Johnston, Gab. Sproull and Saml Boyd &c Comrs they presented a supplication complaining of the conduct of their presby, viz: Strabane, in Polling the conggregation and settling Mr Welshe in that congregation; they desire to be erected into a distinct congregation. They alledge they are a sufficient number being above 200 families sufficiently able to give the Synod's Quota to a minr. They were ask'd whether they had anything to object against the Doctrine or conversation of Mr Walshe; they answered they had nothing to object against either.

From Mr Welshe's congregation appeared Mr John M'Clelland comr, who denied sevl things alledged in the above supplication; sevl Members of Strabane spoke on this occasion and Mr Welsh vindicated himselfe from some aspersions which he said had been cast upon him.

After we had heard much contention betwixt the parties they were removed, and the Synod came to consider this affair. It was proposed that the decision of it be comitted either to the presby with correspondents, or to a select comittee of the Synod, others moved that the Synod should now judge it.

Correspdts. with Strabane Presby

The question was put, Judge now or referr as above, and it carried by plurality of voices, referr; then another question was put, refer to the presby with correspondents or to a committee of the Synod, and it carried for the presby with correspondents. The correspondents appointed to joyne the presby of Strabane in Issuing this affair, are Messrs Porter, McBride, Menagh, John Maxwell, Carlisle, Gibson, Wensley, David Harvey, Wm Coningham, Higginbothom, Hu. Scott, Saml Dunlop, Ball, six of them at least to be present with the presby which is appointed to meet at Strabane the 2d Tuesday of July next at 4 o'clock afternoon.

Sev[l] brethren pressed yt ye place of meeting of next Gen[l] Synod might now be voted. It was alledged by many that pursuant to a promise made last year, Dungannon ought to be the place without debate. A state of the vote was offered, Dungannon or not; The Roll was called, and it carried Dungannon by a vast majority only 4 or 5 members voting agt it. Next Gen[l] Synod is to meet at Dungannon the third Tuesday of June next, Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon. Place of next Synod.

Adjoined to half an hour past 4. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 6[ta]—post hora Quarta a merid. Ye Synod being constituted, Sessio 6.

The affair of Aghochill came now before the Synod by a refference from the presby of Colerain. Aghochill

John Spark and Hugh M'Crory Com[rs] from Aghochill presented a supplication earnestly desiring that people might be erected into a distinct congregation, proposing to give £36 ster. ℔ ann. to a min[r], and to give sufficient security for the same. The Synod allowes the Presby, after inquiry into the circumstances of that people to erect them if they see it fit.

From the Dissenting part of the Cong[n] of Drumaul, appeared W[m] Winning &c. Comm[rs] supplicating this Synod that they may have leave to joyne themselves to any neighbouring congregation, where they can conveniently receive the ordinances of Jesus Christ with freedom of their conscience, assuring this Synod that if this be granted them, they will willing by pay for the support of M[r] Henderson, as they formerly paid to their former Pastor. The Synod considered their desire, and recommended it to the presby of Templepatrick with correspondents to consider their case and deal as tenderly with them as may consist with rules and the edification of that congregation. Drumaul.

An overture was now offered that no appeal be received by the Gen[l] Synod when the appellants do not personally appear to prosecute it. And that the appointing any of our members as Com[rs] to manage the cause, said appellants being absent, is a contempt of this Judicature, injurious to the other partie attending, and therefore ought not to be indulged. The overture was approved, and it was aggreed it should be a rule for the future. Rule of Appeals

A Refference from the presby of Templepatrick in relatien to M[r] Tho[s] Fowler, min[r] of Connor, was now laid before this Synod. A minute of the presby was read shewing the first rise of a foul slander upon M[r] Fowler about his courting M[r] Rowan's daughter without her father's knowledge and his having renewed his courtship after his inter marriage with his present wife; upon which the presby commenc'd a process against him, and formed a Libel consisting of sev[l] Articles, which were now read with M[r] Fowler's answer: also the Depositions of the witnesses for proof, the Articles of said Libel, viz: of M[r] Rowan himselfe, his son William, and his servant John Patten. Mr. Fowler of Connor Cause.

M[r] Fowler alledges that one of the witnesses whispered to the other, at the beginning of the Tyral, which he thinks should not have been allowed.

He absolutely denies his having entered into any vow or having induced Mr Rowan's Daughter to bring hereselfe under a solemn vow to marry him; but confesseth his having in July last jested with her about marriage, which he ownes to have been wrong and professeth his repentance for the same.

Sevs letters and other papers which had been before the presby of Templepatrick were read, then the presby and Mr Fowler were heard and removed; and the Synod proceeded very seriously to consider this affair and many members spoke on it.

Mr Fowler's character before his entering into the minry was inquired into and appears to have been unblemished. After long reasoning it was proposed that the following Questions be put, viz:

1st. Whether after serious consideration of the evidence produced in the course of this Tryall, it appears to this Synod that Mr Fowler hath been guilty of gross prevarication and lying in courting a gentlewomen when he was actually married, and of breaking solemn engagements or not. The Question being put, it was carried in the Negative, *nemine contradicente.*

2d. Question whether it doth appear from the evidences produced before us in the course of this tryall that Mr Fowler hath been guilty of great indiscretion and in some instances hath acted unsuitable to his character and profession for which he ought to be censured, and it carried unanimously in the affirmative.

It was next enquired what censure should be inflcted on him, and it was unanimously agreed that he should be sharply rebuked by our Modr in our name, and exhorted to a more circumspect behaviour in all time coming. The parties being called, our sentence was read to them, & the Modr from the pulpit rebuked and exhorted our Br Fowler. The Presby. of Templepatrick was also exhorted to receive him, but they declined it. It was ordered that a letter from this Synod to the congregaon of Connor be drawn up by Mr Wm Boyde, and brought in tomorrow morning.

The Committee ordered to meet tomorrow at 8 *mane.* Synod at 9—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 7ma 22 of June, 1734, 9 *mane.* Synod constitued.

Mr Boyd brought a draught of a letter which with a few amendments was approved, and signed by the Modr in name of the Synod.

Bellinahinch

The affair of Bellinahinch was resumed, and the resolutions of the Comittee upon it were read and are as follows:—

1st. We see no foundation for two congregations in the existent congregation of Ballinahinch.

2d. Resolved to advise the Presby of Bangor to proceed in the settlement of Mr Macclain in the congregation of Bellinahinch with all possible caution, Deliberation and prudence, and exhort themselves to unite the minority to the majority, aud in case said presby shall not have some tolerable prospect of Mr Macclain's comfortable settlmt, and

of their owne peace, that then they delay his ordination till next General Synod.

3d. That it is our oppinion that there be sevl expressions in the papers of the appellants which were very offensive, particularly the refflections cast upon our ruling Elders, as a part of our constitution being prejudical to our Governmt, and which and all such expressions we are of opinion this Synod should resent and effectually discourage. And that the Committee of Bills ought to take care to prevent all such indesent and offensive expressions coming in any paper before this Synod.

To these were added in the Synod's Resolution, viz: 1st that the Presby. of Bangor shall not supply ye minor part unless the circumstances of that people alter very much from what they have appear'd to us at present.

2d. That in order to uniting the minor to the major, the presby desire Mr Maclain to exchange some days with neighbouring minrs all which Resolutions the Synod approved and agreed to.

Mr. Magee's Appeal.

An Appeal from a sentence of the presby of Ardmagh Lodged by Mr John Magee came now before the Synod. The appeal was read and all the minutes of the presby relating to that affair with a great part of very long reasons of sd appeal which had not been sent to the presby of Ardmagh, and to which said presby answered *extempore*.

A Supplication from part of Mourne Congregation

Also a supplication from part of Mourne congregation presented by Mr Thos M'Clement in which they complain yt tho' an assistant in the work of the ministry to the aged pastor Mr Wallace was necessarie yet they cou'd not get Mr Magee settled among them, but discouragements cast in the way by their Presby which sent a committee to diswade their sending to England for him, &c. Then the parties were removed, and the Synod considered what they had heard from both sides. But finding they could not issue this affair, it being now Saturday, and diverse members of the Synod already gone, & others hasting out of town, came to the following Resolutions :—

1st That as far as they have heard viz: upon the first article of the Libel against Mr. Magee, it appears to us that the presby of Ardmagh hath acted very agreeable to our rules of Discipline, but forasmuch as Mr Magee pleads it would be a detriment to his case yt a final judgment sho'd be given before his answer to the other articles be heard, & for a reason above given.

2d Resolved that the Synod will not come to a final determination at this time, but committ it to a select Committee.

3d Resolved that the sentence of the presby of Ardmagh suspending Mr Magee from the exercise of his minry for lying and intrusion into Mourne congregation both proved against him shall remain in force till the meeting of s'd Committee.

The presby of Ardmagh and Mr Magee were called and the above resolutions read to them, but Mr Magee utterly refused to submitt alledging conscience for refusal; the Synod reasoned with him for ome time, but without success.

The Mod^{r}, Mr Kennedy sen^{r} Mr Craighead and Mr Ross were desired to converse and reason with him and make report in the afternoon.

Adjourned to 4 afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 8

Sessio 8va—*hora Quarta post merid. June* 22—Synod constituted.

Mr Magee

The Brethren appointed to converse with Mr Magee report that they reasoned with him, but could make no impression on him. The Synod resolv'd that it would be to no purpose to appoint a comittee, but thought fit to leave him as they found him. He came in and desired a coppy of our Minutes, which the Synod judged he was no way entitled to, seeing he refused submission to us.

Order about Mr Fleming's children

The order of the Synod at Belyimenagh, 1733, about Mr Fleming's children was now renewd, and the Synod doth in the most hearty manner recommend to the min^{rs} and sessions that have not paid ye 5^{s} each ordered by the Synod as above, that they pay said 5^{s} with all speed, the condition of said orphans requiring it.

Mrs. Jane Hamilton.

The case of Mrs Jane Hamilton, widow being laid before us by a Letter from the Revd Mr Iredell, and a large account of her deplorable circumstances under the hands of all the min^{rs} in Dublin, showing that she being a gentlewoman who had all her life been in a very happy condition till by a sudden fire, her all was destroyed, and she and her children reduced to very great distress, which account was confirmed by sev^{l} brethren here present. The Synod doth in the most hearty manner recom^{d} her case to all the congregations within their bounds desiring they would allow her the benefit of a full collection with previous advertism^{t} the Lord's Day before, and to provide for her relief in any more effectual manner they can think of, and that each presby do appoint a collector to receive the contributions from the sev^{l} congregations within their bounds, and transmit the money to Mr Iredell in Dublin.

Sligo and Moywater

The Synod considering the particular circumstances of the congregations Sligo and Moywater, thought fit now to fix localities for the sum payable to Mr Ashe and Mr Wilson, and to order that the congregations on which they have their respective Localities do punctually pay their respective sums.

The petions of Mr Sam Tennant and Anthony Lawson for charity were both granted, and the clerk ordered to give them a recomd^{n}. Also the petion of * was granted. Concluded with prayer.

Interloq^{r}

June the 19th, *post merid. Sed^{t}. Pastores, &c.*

Account of the Comittee in Dub.

Mr Creaghead produced a paper containing a narrative of the sev^{l} steps taken and endeavours used by the Comittee of Gentlemen with some Min^{rs} in Dublin to have a Bill brought into the House of

* Name omitted.

Comons in this Kingdom for relieving us from the great grievances of the S: T: with an account of the money expended by sd Comittee. Said narrative was read.

It was moved and agreed to that a Comittee of the following Min^{rs}, viz: Mr Wm Boyd, Sterling, Laird, Fleming, John Kennedy, Gilb. Kennedy Senr and Junr, Holmes Sen., Malcom, Creghead and Alex Brown do meet this evening after the Synod is dismissed and consider this affair, and report their opinion upon it to the next meeting of the Interloq^{r}.

2nd Interloq^{r}. June the 21st, 8 mane.

An affair wherein our brethren Mr Porter and Mr Orr & Mr Moore and family formerly of Mr Orr's congregation, but now joyning with Mr Porter are concerned, was now laid before us. After some discourse about it. It was proposed and agreed to that the right of Mr Orr to the ground on which Mr Moore now dewells be preserved intire in all time coming.

But that Mr Moore and family be indulged in joyning with Mr Porter & further that Mr Porter shall pay annly out of Mr Moore's payments to him to the poore of Mr Orr's congregation the sum of 4^{s}/9^{d} ster and we earnestly exhort our Brethren Porter & Orr to cultivate a good understanding and brotherly love toward one another.

It being alledged by some that Mr Fowler's affair ought not to come before the publick Synod, after some reasoning, the Question was put shall said affair be now judged by the Genl Synod or remitted to the presby of Templepatrick with correspondents or to a select committee—It carried by plurality of voices that said affair be judged by the Genl Synod now

The Comittee appointed to consider of the manner of the paym^{t} of the expences of the Comittee at Dublin during the late Session of Parliament now report that they came to the following Resolutions:—

(1) That whereas they find the account of sd expences, £230 : 4 : 7, out of which deduct the third part for Dublin & the South, remaining to be paid, by the North, £158 · 9 · 9¾, out of which deduct to be paid by Antrim Presby £12 15 0¾, remains to be paid by the Synod £140 14 9.

Resolved that the expences of Com^{rs} sent from the North be added to said sum, and be applotted upon and payed by the sev^{l} presbys.

The Interloq^{r} agreed that the sum of £140 14 9 expended by the Comittee at Dublin be applotted and payed by the sev^{l} presbys belonging to the Synod. But in regard said sum ought to be payed with all speed it was agreed to that an order be directed to our Treasurer to pay said sum out of the first Quarter of R.D. that shall come to his hands.

It was proposed ye same Comittee do again meet and consider the expences of the Com^{rs} sent from the North and report their oppinion upon it, and that a member from each presby attend them, and give them what information they can about that business.

3d Interloqr —June 22d, post meridiem.

The Comittee did not meet as appointed, ordered that since it was agreed in full Interloqr yt £140 14 9 be deducted out of R.D. that our Modr and Clerk do signe an order to our Treasurer to remitt said sum to Hu. Henery, Esq. in Dublin; this was done accordingly.

Moved that the Synod's Comittee do meet the first Wednesday of August next at Dungannon to applot the above 140 pounds on the sevl presbys—as also to adjust the expenses of the Commrs sent from the North. This was agreed to, and our Clerk appointed to write to the sevl presbys to give them notice of this meeting, and that they may come prepared to give account of ye expenses of their respective Comrs and settle & adjust a method for paymt of the same.

The Clerk gave notice to sevl of the Presbys upon ye spot & will write ye rest.

The Comittee of Overtures agreed to propose to the Interloqr that Mrs Teath on account of her distressed condition in her own person and family be allowed 2s from each minr of the Genl Synod, to be deducted out of R.D. the Minrs to be re-imbursed by their sessions.

The Interloqr not sitting after the overture was agreed to in the Committee before Saturday in the evening, it was throu heast forgoten to be brought in to the Interloqr, so that the presbys themselves will take care to order a supply for her.

List of members of ye Genl Synod 1734.

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Armagh Preby		Colerain.	
Geo. Lang	Jno. Mills	Chas Lynd	Alexr Longwell
Gilbt. Kennedy	Mr Jon. Stephens	Hen. Neil	Mr Jno. Elder
Jno Menagh	Mr Jos. Hill	Robt Wirling	Jno Hughey
Geo Cherry		Will. Boyd	Walter Marshall
Jas Allen	Mr Sam. Black	Jon. Porter	Mr Saml Hays
Jno. King		Robt. McBride	Benjamin Bole
Willm Dick		Jas Cochran	Jno. Gray
Jon. Maxwell	Jas. Alexander	Jas Thomson	Wm Sturgeon
Jas Moody		Robt. Knox	Mr Saml Boys
		Fran. Ross	Matt. Harper
Strabane.		Jno Orre	
		Jno. Hill	
Jas. Maxwell	Jon. Moor	Jno. Thomson	Wm M'Fee
Willm Holmes	Wm Giffin	Jas M'Creight	
Nehem Donaldson	Jon M'Farlin		
Alex. M'Cracken	Mr Hu. Brown	Dublin.	
Victor Ferguson	Wm Cowan		
Jos Hemphill	Jos. Kinkead	Robt. Craighead	
Jas Smith		Jno Alexander	Mr Will Sinclar
And Welsh			

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Monaghan.		Letterkenny.	
Bapt. Boyd		Seth. Drummond	And. Campbell.
Alex. Fleming	Sam[l] Smyth	Jon. Ball	Geo. Keys
Will. Hair	Tho[s] Smyth	Sam[l] Dunlop	Alex. Poriense
Sam[l] Hemphill	Cha[s] Harper	Fran. Laird	M[r] Morson
W[m] [illegible]tten		Dav[d] Fairly	Dan. Henderson
J[illegible] [illegible]arlisle		Ja[s] Cochran	Jas. Patterson
[illegible]lgeo		Pat. Vance	Mat. M'Keny
[illegible] Glasgow		Jno. Holmes	Dav[d] Vannce
[illegible]ibson		Jno. M'Gachin	Antony Lawson
[illegible]mbrose	Jn[o] Cullen	Luke Ashe	
		Will. Wilson	
[illegible]yrone.		Bangor.	
[illegible]ennedy	M[r] Sam[l] Cavan		
[illegible]kes	Robt. Buchanan	Robt. Cuningham	Jas. Kniblo
		Ja[s] Max[l] Stuart	Arch. M'Kee
[illegible]lileagh.		Templepatrick	
[illegible] Kennedy			
		Alex. Brown	Jno. Jameson
[illegible]Derry.		Robt. Higinbothom	M[r] Alex. Patrick
		Ja[s] Whyte	M[r] Cha[s] Johnston
[illegible]arvey		Tim. Whyte	M[r] W[m] M'Conchy
[illegible]Winsley		Will. Thomson	
[illegible]Stirling	Geo. Brown	Jno. Hastings	M[r] W[m]M'Cullogh
[illegible] Stuart	M[r] Robt. Andrews	W[m] Holmes	
[illegible]Ross	Jos. Morrison	John Thomson	Jon. Hughes
[illegible]Strawbridge	Robt. Duncan	Tho[s] Brown	Alex. Luske
[illegible] Murray	And. Scot	Hugh Scott	Jon. Lockart
[illegible]n Cochran	Geo. Murray	Tho[s] Fowler	Jon. Kinkead
[illegible]onningham	Mr. Tho[s] Boyd	82	59
[illegible] Ferguson	Ja[s] Glen		
David Harvey	Jno. Whyte		

Jno. Montgomery (who hath no cong[n])

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GEO. LANG, Clk. of the Gen[l] Synod.

A General Synod at Dungannon, June 17th, 1735.

Mr John Alexander, Modr of ye preceding Synod open'd this Synod by preaching from Rev. 3 : and having constituted it by prayer, the Roll was called. Sederunt ye following Ministers and Elders :—

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Templepatrick Preb.		Strabane.	
		Jas Maxwell	Jno. Roger
James Cobham		Neh. Donaldson	
Alex. Brown	Jas Ferrier	Victor Ferguson	
Will. Livingston		Jas Hemphill	
Robt Higinbothom		And. Welsh	Wm Cregand
Jas Fraser			
Jas Whyte	Robt. Thomson	Colerane.	
Tim. Whyte			
Willia. Thomson	Jas M'Cullagh	Charl. Lynd	Jno. Fulton
Jno. Hasty		Robt. McBride	Hu. Hamilton
Jno Moorhead	Thos Steel	Jno. Orre	Jno. Simson
Jno. Thomson		Jon. Hill	Mr Gaw. Steel
Jno Henderson	Jno. Willison	Jon. Thompson	Wm Montgomery
Robt. Leathes	Jas Moor	Jas M'Creight	
Hugh Scott		Thos Fowler	Jas Dickey
		David Smyly	
Dublin Preby.		Will. Boyd	
Hugh Henry			
Jno. Alexander	Mr Wm Sinclar		
Robt. M'Master	Mr Th. Wallace		
Monaghan.		Tyrone.	
Bapt. Boyd		Thos Kennedy	Sam. McMillan
Pat. Plunket	Wm Haines	Jno. Macleve	Robt. Edmund
Wm Hair		Hu. Wallace	Wm Kerr
Thos Maclaine	Jno. Sims	Jno. Kennedy	Robt. Gilpin
Sam. Hemphill		Robt. Thompson	Davd Blakely
Wm Patten		Robt. Stuart	Mr Agnew
Jno. Carlile		Jas. Orre	
Andr Dean		Hu. Sharpe	Jas Campbell
Jno. Algeo			
Will Wilson	Richd Sharpe	Letterkenny.	
Nathl Glasgow			
Jno. Gibson		Seth. Drummond	
Jas Hamilton		Jno. Ball	Wm Keys
Wm Ambrose	Jno. Ker	Sam. Dunlop	Jno. Smith
Alex McKee		Fran. Laird	Jas Forster
George Carson		Luke Ashe	
		W Wilson	Mr Baird
Bangor.		Derry.	
Wm Smith	Jno. Orre		
And. Malcom		Thos Bond	
Jas Mackay			
Jas M. Stuart	Robt. Barre		

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Killileagh.		Armagh.	
Thos Scott		Geo. Lang	Jno. Wallace
Gilbt. Kennedy		Gilbt. Kennedy	Mr Stevens
Alex. M'Colm		Jas Johnston	Joseph Ferguson
		Archd Maclain	Robt. Cuming
		Jno Menagh	And. Malcomson
		Geo. Cherry	Jno. Sleith
		Jas Allen	Archd Boyle
		Jno. King	Thos Bingham
		Rob. Thompson	
		Wm Dick	Fran. Fairley
		Alex. Reid	Jno. Kean
		Armagh.	
		John Maxwell	Mr Johnston
		Thos Creighton	
		Jas Moody	
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The former Modr desir'd that a new Modr might be chosen to preside in this Synod; a Leet of ye following Brethren was proposed, viz: Messrs. Sam Dunlop, Sam. Hemphill, Higinbothom, Baptist Boyd, Ball, Johnston, McMaster, Hu. Wallace, Chas. Hair; they were heard and remov'd, ye Roll was called, and Mr Johnston was chosen. Moderator Chosen.

Report being made that Mr Lang, who is continued clerk, being indisposed is yet on ye road, & yt he will probably be here to-morrow morning, Mr Cherry is allowed to officiate for him. Clk continued

Ordered yt ye several presbys do make returns to morrow in writing of their members for ye several Committees, viz: for Overtures, Bills, Books, Funds, & ye Genl Synod's fix'd Committee; as also ye names of those they have, since Last Synod, ordained, installed or licensed, & of any of their number yt be dead, and of such as they have on Tryalls or design to enter on Tryalls for the holy minry. Order for returns of mbrs. for Comittes.

Ordered that all ye members of this Synod do meet for prayer at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning, & continue in prayer until 10 o'clock.

Sessio. IIda Die Mercurii hora Xma ante merdm.

The time appointed for prayer was spent in it accordingly.

Excuses were offer'd by or for most of ye ministers absent from last Meeting of this Synod. Now abst & excused are Messrs. Charl. Wallace, Rainey, Neil, Stirling, Jno. Thomson, Knox, Iredell, Craghead, Humphr. Thomson, Fleming, Crooks, Fairley, Davd Harvey, Saml Ross, And. Ferguson, Jno. Harvey, Masterton, Seaton, Dickson, Alexr Hamilton, Shannon, Smith Senr, Jas. Reid, Natl Orr and Leech Absents excused.

Absents not excused are, Messrs. Gordon, Porter, Fran. Ross, M'Gachin, Jas Smyth, Wensley, Hanse Stuart, Thos Harvey, Murray, Ninian Cochran, Wm Cnyngham, Jas Moor, Fran. Montgomery, Robt. Not Excused.

Gowdy, Fergy, Holmes, Thos Brown, Hugh Scott, Jno. Thomson, and Jas Stuart Senr.

General Synod's Comittee.

Members returned for Genl Synod's fix'd Comittee are as follow :— For Templepatrick presby, Messrs. Jas. Fraser, Jas White, Mr Hen. Magill, Elder.

Armagh, Messrs. Maclaine and Maxwell, Mr Jas Johnston, Elder.

Colerane, Messrs. Wm Boyd, Davd Smyley, Mr Gawin Steel, Elder.

Strabane, Messrs. Jas Smyth, And. Welsh.

Killileagh, Messrs. Jas Reid, Gilbert Kennedy.

Monaghan, Messrs. Jno. Gibson, Wm Ambrose.

Letterkenny, Messrs. Fairley & Dykes.

Tyrone, Messrs. Jno. Kennedy, Robt. Thomson, Wm Agnew, Elder.

Bangor, Messrs. Robt. Conyngham, and Gaudie.

Derry, Messrs. And. Fergnson & David Harvey, Mr Robt. Harvey, Elder.

These are ordered to meet with our Modr and Clerk, at Dungannon when call'd on any Emergent by our Modr whereof 15 to be a Quorum & of these 12 to be minrs.

Note for Derry are members Messrs. Ross & Bond, & Saml Alexander, Elder.

Overture about the Fund.

These presented an overture from ye Sub Synod of Derry yt ye affair of ye Fund shou'd be the first new matter wh should come under ye consideraon of this Synod; this was for weighty reasons unanimously agreed to & Resolv'd yt ye affair, as also ye case of minrs widows be first conside'd in an Interloqr of all ye members.

Upon reading last Synod's Minutes it was again earnestly enjoined all ministers who have not contribd towards the relief of Mrs Bunting of Sligo, that they do it with all speed.

Synod's Formula.

Ordered yt ye Synod's Formula for subscription of ye Confession of Faith be inserted in the Minutes of this year. The clerk not finding any formula in ye Synod's book of 1720 or 1721, hath inserted the Formula found in Armagh Presb. book, in Mr Mackay's hand writing, wh is as follows: "I do believe ye Westminster Confession of Faith to be founded on and aggreeable to the Word of God, & therefore as such by this my subscription I do own ye said as Confession of my faith."

The former Synod's appointment on Messrs. Kennedy, Senr Alex. Brown, Livingston & McBride to draw up a form of Questions to be proposed at ye ordinaon of candidates for ye minry was now read, & ye Brethn being inquired, reported that they did not meet for yt service: but yt two of them had draughts of a form of Questions, it was proposed yt they meet and compare their papers, & out of 'em draw up a form as above ordered, & read ye same to ye Synod in order to be transmitted to ye presbyteries to be considered by 'em: but this being opposed by some, awakened a warm debate, to which an end was put by a proposal

yt this affair should be considered in an Interloq^{r} of ministers only, which was agreed to.

Reported yt only a small part of £10 ordered by last Synod to be payed by Derry Presby. to Mr Wilson of Moywater, had been payed; this was referred to be considered in ye Interloq^{r} about ye Fund.

Last Synod's recomendaon in relaon to Moyra was now read, and whereas Mr Moor of Moyra represented that the presby^{s} of Derry Letterkenny, Strabane and Monaghan, except 3 congregations had not contributed towards building ye Meeting house at Moyra, the presbys. who are deficient were called and spoke to on this subject, & earnestly exhorted to exert 'emselves in collecting and transmitting their charitable contribuons for s'd meeting house, and relieving ye congregaon of a Debt contracted on ye credit of this Synod Lower Moyra.

Recomended to ye comittee of Overtures to bring in an overture to oblige members to attend ye meetings of ye Genl Synod, and of the Synod's Fix'd Comittee. Of this again.

The several comittes are ordered to meet at 3 o'clock afternoon; ye interloq^{r} half an hour past 4, and ye Synod at 6; Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 3^{tia} *Horâ* 4 *post merd. die. Mercur* June 18th

The returns of ye Presbys. of ye ordained, licensed &c is here inserted, being forgot in its due place. They are as follows:—

Monaghan presby. report that they have since last Synod, ordained Mr Geo. Carson at Killishandra May 21, but no return of his subscription; and that M^{r} Hu. Carlile is gone to America; have entered on Tryals Messrs. George Henry and Saml Simms. Ordained.

Letterkenny report that they have entered on Tryals Messrs. James Kinkead, Jno. Marshall, & Francis McBeath, and have licensed Mr Francis Allison, but no account of his Subscription. Enter'd on tryalls.

Tyrone report that they have licensed Mr Saml Caven and Messrs. Thos Kennedy, Junr and Robt. Peebles, no account of subscription; report also that Mr Ja^{s} Dykes died xber 19th, 1734 and Mr Willm Cornwall, March 13, 1734/5, and Mr Nathl Cochran died March 27, 1735, and that Mr Crooks demitted his charge in 7ber 1734. Licensed. Dead.

Londonderry report that they have licensed Messrs. Wm Callender and David Walker; have entered on Tryals, Messrs. Willm Hair, Robt. Henry, John Betty, and Hen. Askin, and ordained Mr Thos Bond, at St. Johnston, Augt. 20th and installed Mr Jno Montgomery at Malin the 8th of October last: all these are said to have subscribed the Confession of Faith, but no account of having done it according to ye Synod's Formula. Licensed. Ordained.

Templepatrick report yt they have licensed since last Synod, Messrs. Robt. Gilliland, Ja^{s} McCullough, Jno. Thomson, Jas. Crawford, Clothworthy Gaudy, and Ja^{s} Macconnell. Licensed.

Colerain preby report yt they have since last Synod, licensed Messrs. Adam Duffie, & Robt. Knox, & ordained Mr David Smyly, but Ordained.

no account of his subscription or where he is settled; & have entered on Second tryals Mr Jas McCurdy.

Died

Strabane report that Mr William Holmes died in October last, and that they have entered on tryals Mr Jno. Thornton.

Killileagh report that they have on tryals Messrs. McKibbin & McDowell.

Licensed.

Armagh report that Mr Archd Maclaine Senr died ye 20th July last that they have licensed Mr Jas Lang & Mr Richd Aprichard who both subscribed the Synod's Formula; & have entered on tryals Mr Aughbry Hart and design to enter Mr Robert Herron.

Order about ye form of Ordination Questions.

The Brethren came to consider the affair referred to the Interloqr, viz.: the scheme or form of Ordination Questions. After some reasoning it was moved that the appointment on ye comittee ordered by last Synod to draw up s'd form be renewed and a time fixed for their meeting, & transmitting it when finished to ye several presbys; also yt if any Doctrinal Questions shou'd be aggreed on, they be conceived in ye express words of our Confession of Faith; then the Question was put, approve this proposal or not and it carried approve. The members of ye comittee promised to finish their work, before they leave this place, & to transmitt copies to ye presbys before ye first of Augt next.

Lisburn.

From those belonging to ye old meeting-house of Lisburn Messrs. Martin & Fulton, Commrs did now present a paper containing a long detail of the melancholy circumstances of their congregaon, & desiring our advice & direction in order to their speedy settlement, as ye only proper remedy for their present state: after serious consideron, it was thought meet to appoint a comittee of ye following minrs viz:— Messrs. Gilbt. Kennedy Senr M'Bride, Malcom, Brown, and Livingston to hear ye above comm. & bring in their opinion by way of overture to this Synod. Mr. Seth Drummond was added to s'd Comittee.

A petion of 3 orphan childn of our deceased Brother Teath was read and the further consideration of it was referred to ye Interloquitur of the whole house. The Elders were called in.

Mr. Teath's children.

And for the relief of Mr Teath's children it was proposed & agreed to that a voluntary subscription be now made in this Synod. This was accordingly done: some members subscribed for 11s 6, some 10s, but ye major part for 5s or 2s 6, ye whole amounting to near £17 sterl: all ye minirs consented yt their respective sums be deducted out of R D. of which ye Clerk is to make return to our Treasurer.

The following Brethren were appointed to collect in ye several presbys for sd Orphans, from ye absent Brethren, viz: for Armagh, Mr Cherry, Strabane, Mr Ferguson; Colerane, Mr Lynd; Dublin, Mr Alexander; Monaghan, Mr Gibson; Tyrone, Mr Jno. Kennedy; Letterkenny, Mr Laird; Derry, Mr Ross; Bangor, Mr Smyth, Templepatrick, Mr Alex. Brown.

Mr. Taylor's children.

It was moved and unanimously agreed to that Mr Taylor of Drumauld's children, be allowed one shilling & two pence from each minister, out of the first Quarter of R.D. which shall be distributed: also aggreed that the arrears of 5s each minr granted at the last General

Synod held in Ballymena to Mr Jas Fleming's children be also deducted out of R.D. Mr Menagh is to return a list of such as have not pay'd to our Clerk who is to order our Treasurer to make such deduction.

Now reported that some commrs from ye major part of Lisburn are come. Comittee order'd to meet at 8 *mane*, Synod at 10, Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 4ta June 19, *Horâ* Xma, *Ante Meridm*, *post preces.*

The affair of Lisburn came now before ye Synod & ye papers read in ye interloqr were again read; also a supplicaon from ye major part of sd congn presented by Davd Cummingham & Davd M'Neight, Comrs was read with some instructions, from their constituents, & a letter to Mr Alexr Brown; both parties were heard, & ye Comrs of the majority were asked if they were willing to submit themselves to ye Synod; they answered unless they had been so, they had not apply'd to us. The Comittee above named was ordered to converse wth them, & bring in their overture in ye afternoon.

The presbys are ordered to meet immediately after this sederunt, & consider & prepare ye affair of ye fund. The Comittees are orderd to meet at 3 o'Clock & ye Synod at 4: Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 5ta June 19th, *hora* 4ta *post Meridm*—Synod constituted.

The committee for Lisburn affair report yt they had conversed with both parties & find yt ye comrs of ye majority be ty'd down to one Mr Jno. Lowry, a probaoner from Scotland who came over & preached in a very irregular manner, at ye meeting-house of ye major part upon the bare invitaon of the people, contrary to ye rules of ye Church of Scotland and of this church; in relation to whom they insist (1) yt ye Presby. of Templepatrick do draw up a call to him, and (2) yt he be appointed their constant supplyer, (3) yt sd presby do supply them as a distinct congregaon until Mr Lowry return. They also complain'd of their neighbours of ye old meeting-house, yt they had refused to accept the supply of two of our Brethren whom they had named. Lisburn affairs.

They were asked if ye General Synod should not comply with their desire as to Mr Lowry, their constituents would be satisfied to be supply'd by ye General Synod or by ye Presby of Templepatrick? They answered they'd not accept supplys on such conditions. Upon which ye comittee came to ye following Resolutions wh were read & approv'd by the Synod:—

(1) That ye Synod do incourage ye Regular part of Lisburn people in a speedy settlement. (2) That ye representation drawn up by the Revd presby of Templepatrick and transmitted to ye presby of Iedburgh be allowed by this Synod as a fair account of ye state of Lisburn (3) That a letter be written to ye people of the new Meeting-house to reason with them concerning their conduct & represent ye bad consequents thereof; to be communicated to ye pious people yt may be of yt associaon with all prudence. Resolutions. 1 2 3

Messrs. Alex. Brown, Livingston & Hasty are appointed to write sd Letter, & therein to exhort 'em to reunion wih their Brethren.

A full account of ye conduct of ye Presby of Templepatrick in relaon to Mr Lowry was now laid before & approved by the Synod.

The minor part of Lisburn cong^n^ desired they might be supply'd for three weeks each by the following Brethren, viz: Messrs. Patten, Carlile, Willm Boyd and Laird. This was granted & Mr Patten ordered to begin his supply Sabbath come sennight, and the rest to succeed in their order. After these supplies terminate they are to be supplied by the presby of Templepatrick. It is further resolv'd that if sd people shall give a call to any of the supplyers or any other Min^r^ of this church that the Synod doth hereby appoint their fixed Committee to be called by our Mod^r^ to meet at Dungannon & judge & determine in case of an appeal from ye presby to which ye Min^r^ called shall belong.

Ballynahinch appeal.

An appeal of ye major part of ye ancient congregation of Ballinahinch from a sentence of ye presby of Bangor delaying ye ordinaon of Mr Alex. Maclaine, came now before the Synod.

Mr David Whyte, & severl other com^rs^ appear'd, prosecuting sd appeal. They presented a supplicaon which was read. Then they produced a long paper containing a state of their case & reasons of their appeal, which was also read.

Then a repesentaon of the presby of Bangor with a state of the affair & a paper containing answers to Ballynahinch reasons.

Then ye appellants were heard, as also the presby of Bangor. Some members proposed as an expedient for peace, that Mr Maclaine's ordination might be performed by another presby.

The Synod waiving their consideration of ye *bene* or *male appellatum* proceeded to consider the merits of the cause; and from ye minor part of Ballynahinch appeared Alex. Holmes & two other com^rs^. They presented some papers wherein they express their aversion to have Mr Maclaine for their pastor, alledging they can't be edified by his sermons. They presented a paper containing a long detail of ye whole affair from the beginning, alledging undue practices of the major part against them: they desire yt in case of Mr Maclaine's settlement they may be allowed supplies. Their papers were read and all parties heard & removed. Many members spoke on this affair and after long reasoning the question was put, proceed to Mr Maclaine's ordinaon or not? and it carried proceed by a very great majority. Next it was proposed that Mr Maclaine and the majority should be disannexed from the presby of Bangor & annexed to the presby. of Killileagh: this was aggreed to, *nemine contradicente*. The parties were called in & our sentence intimated to them.

Ordered yt a comittee of the whole house do meet tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock about the Fund—Concluded with prayer.

Sessio VI^ta^; June ye 20th, *hora* 7ma, *mane*.

Returns of the congregaons upon ye Fund, & of their respective Quotas, were now made by ye presbys of Monaghan, Strabane, Bangor,

Letterkenny, Armagh, T'patrick, Colerain, and Tyrone: we proceedod to consider this affair.

From Sligo appeared Jno. M'Kimm, Com̄r who presented a supplicaon, setting forth ye distressed state of yt congregaon by the dificiency of the publick fund & praying for relief by granting all payment for ye future, that their minr be not discouraged in his Labours among them: this was very seriously considered as of great importance. Sligo.

Also a supplicaon from Moywater was read. The Brethren resolved to have a a particular regard to these two congregaons & all other specially frontiers, in application of ye publick fund—Mr Boyd of Taughboyne was desir'd to pay what he can collect from his congregaon to Moywater, wh he promised to do: Moywater.

Mr Wilson of Moywater, offered on condition of punctual payment for ye future, to accept of £10 instead of £15 promised him per annum; Mr Hasty offered to accept £7 :.10 instead of £10, Mr Dick of £8 instead of £9, Mr Reid of £5 : 10 for £6, & Mr Menagh of £7 instead of £10 promised him, Mr Henry of £30 instead of £35; all on the above condition. Baylyboroughs Quota is £4 ℘ an Oldcastle £6. Abatements of the Fund.

The following Brethren, Messrs. Brown, Bapt. Boyd, Jno. Kennedy, Dunlop, Cherry, & Laird, were appointed a Com̄ittee to fix ye localities of ye several congregaons, which are on the fund, in the next intervall; they are first to consider the frontier congregaong and make their report to next Sederunt. Localities to be Fixed.

It was now mov'd and agreed to that the above named supplyers for Lisburn be allowed to preach day about in ye two Meeting-houses, if this be desir'd by the major party; and further if it shall happen that a call be given to the first or second supplyer, that then the remaining shall be countermanded, & ye presby of Templepatrick supply them for the future. Lisburn Supplies.

The Com̄rs from ye minor part of Ballynahinch now desired yt their people might be erected into a distinct congregaon & yt they be not disannexed from ye presby of Bangor. They were heard & removed, & their desire was consider'd, several brethren spoke to ye point. It was proposed yt sd people do continue one year under the immediate care of this Synod, & yt a letter be written to them, exhorting them to union with their Brethren of the major part; but yt such as shall not join the majority shall be allowed certificates to receive ordinances where they desire them. The Session is hereby ordered to give such certits & when they can't be had from the Session, may be given by any single elder of ye majority or minority. The question was put, approve the sd proposal or not? and it was carried approve by a very great majority of votes. The Comrs were called in, & this intimated to them, and they were exhorted as above mentioned. Ballinahinch.

The Comittee appointed for revising ye several books of the Sub-Synods viz: of Armagh, Belfast, & Londonderry, now reported that they had revised and did approve said books & ye Synod's approbation was signed in sd books by our modr and clerk. Sub-Synods Books Approved.

From Ardstraw appeared Gabriel Sproul, &c., Comrs prosecuting an appeal from a sentence of ye preby of Strabane with correspondents Ardstraw Appeal.

of July 9th, 1734. The appeal was read, & also a supplicaon wherein they express their uneasiness in being under ye care of Strabane presby, & of being hindered in choosing a minr for 'emselves, having one put upon 'em without their own consent. They desire to be erected & put under ye care of another presby. From Mr Walsh's congr appeared Thos Mathison, &c., Comrs: they presented a supplicaon wherein they set forth yt Mr Walsh's call and settlement had been regularly proceeded in by ye Session and major part of the congregaon and that since his settlement, his labours and conversation had been unexceptionable. This affair is refferr'd to afternoon Session. The Comittees are order'd to meet at 3 o'clock, Interloquitor at 4, and the Synod at 5 p.m.: Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 7tima. Hora 4, post meridm Die Veneris Interloqr.

Appeal of Strabane Preby.

An appeal of ye presby of Strabane from a sentence of the Synod of Derry relating to a letter writ to Mr Patr Vaunce to America against Mr Saml Hemphill, alledged to be false and injurious to sd Mr Hemphill, was by consent of ye parties now laid before the Interloqr. The appeal & reasons supporting it & ye minutes of ye Revd Sub-Synod of Derry relating this affair were read, also Mr Hemphill's letter from America to Mr Neh. Donaldson, complaining of Mr Vance's conduct towards him, & a letter from Mr Andr Archibald, a minr of that country to Mr Geo. Carson, bearing what Mr Vance had written to the prejudice of Mr Hemphill's character were read.

Mr Vance

Then Mr Vance was heard in his own defence: he owned his having written such a letter at ye desire of an inhabitant of America then with him, and with a view to prevent the mischief wh might accrue to that Infant Church by Mr Hemphill's preaching such Doctrines there as Mr Vance says he had been informed sd Hemphill had preached in Ireland, and yt in sd Letter he had called Mr Hemphill an eminent instrument of ye Devil, for which in return, Mr Hemphill in his letters mentioned, charged him ye sd Vance as acted with an antichristian and diabolical spirit. Mr Vance gave a long account of what he said he could prove by witnesses against sd Mr Hemphill & a detail of the circumstances of yt affair, & of ye steps he ye sd Vance had taken in it here in Ireland.

Then several Brethren of Strabane Presby, spoke on the subject & alledged yt Mr Vance had not written or spoken to any of them nor given them any account of what he had to say against said Hemphill, tho' he knew he was to be ordained by them for the ministry in ye Plantations. The presby were willing to drop ye appeal & consented we should enter on the merits of the cause.

Parties heard.

The parties were heard at great length, and then removed. The members came to consider what they had heard: many spoke and reasoned on this affair at considerable length. Two several states of ye Question were offer'd, and both back'd yt (1) whether Mr Vance's conduct in writing such letter in such a manner and circumstances appears justifyable or not? 2d state is this assembly ripe to judge this whole complex affair ar not? Then the previous Question was put

which of these Questions should be put, and it carried that the second should be put. Then it was moved that we should endeavour to accomodate this affair now: but the major part inclined that there should be a judicial trial of this affair by the presby of Letterkenny to which Mr Vance belongs, & yt ye presby of Strabane do there prosecute him, since they alledge that Mr Vance's aspersing Mr Hemphill doth affect their character, & yt Mr Vance adduce his proofs in support of his letter against sd Hemphill. Decision.

Now Open Synod—*hora* 6ta

Mr Jas Lang, a probaoner in Armagh presby, is allowed to supply Urny for one month comencing ye second Sabb. of July next without being obliged to preach before the presby of Strabane.

Moved yt ye place of next Genl Synod be now fixed: a leet of several places, viz., Armagh, Derry, Dungannon, Antrim and Ballymena was offered, & ye Roll being called it was carried for Dungannon by a great majority, at wh place next Genl Synod is ordered to meet ye third Tuesday of June next, Sermon to begin at 5 o'Clock afternoon.

The Comrs from Ardstraw press'd hard for discussing their appeal, but it being now late, and some of their papers in ye custody of a minr who is not now in ye house, their affair was put off to tomorrow morning at 7 o'Clock, when ye Synod is ordered to meet. Concluded with prayer.

June 21st *Hora 7tima Mane, die Saturni Sessio* 8va Sessio 8.

The Synod being constituted a paper was presented from ye Towns of Tullyrisk, complaining of a delay of judgment by ye Revd Presby of Templepatrick in an affair laid before them & pressing yt sd presby may be enjoyn'd to see speedy justice done them. All parties not being present the Synod thought meet to order sd Preby to call correspondents from their neighbouring presbyteries as soon as may be, & hear all parties and proceed to such decision as, all circumstances considered, shall appear to be most for edificaon. Tullyrisk.

Mr Robt. Wilson of Stranerlar did now lay before ye Synod his distressed condition, & complained of the preby of Strabane being much indebted to him. The Synod, having heard his case, doth earnestly recommend it to said preby to comiserate his distressed state, and to do as speedy justice to him as they possibly can, yt ye poor man may in some measure be relieved. Mr Wilson's case.

The appeal of ye discontented party of Ardstaw, tho' several of their papers had been read, could not now be issued by this Synod thro' straitness of time, and now ye Comrs are gone home. They had consented, last night, that their appeal should lie over to next Synod, provided they were not deprived of ordinances, which the Synod now orders to have access to in Ardstraw or elsewhere, they paying up all stipend and arrears of stipend due by them. And whereas it is alledged yt for want of due regulation of their seats in ye meeting-house of Ardstraw affair

Ardstraw, ye min^{r} suffers considerably, and his cong^{r} in hazard of being brought under a weighty arrear, the Synod recommends to the preby of Strabane to enquire into this affair & take proper measures to remedy this inconveniency.

ylyborough.

From Baylybrough appear'd Mr Jno. Boyd com^{r} prosecuting an appeal from a sentence of ye preby of Monaghan: ye Synod not having time to consider & determine sd affair, resolved to refer ye issuing of sd appeal to the Revd Sub-Synod of Armagh, wh is to meet at Armagh ye first Tuesday of August next: & it is hereby referred accordingly.

Order about he Fund.

The Synod considering ye sinking state of the Fund resolv'd to take all proper measures to have arrears due upon it payed up, & for that end doth in the most hearty manner recommend to ye min^{rs} and congregaons who ought to pay towards the relief of the cong^{s} upon the publick Fund, yt they make conscience of paying their respective Quota's as they become dne, that those weak congregaons be not thro' their default deprived of the blessed Gospel & in a particular manner ye Synod recommends to ye min^{rs} and cong^{s} who ought to pay to Moywater, that they speedly pay up what is due by them; the min^{r} of yt cong^{r} having received only £3 since his settlement.

Comittee approved.

The Synod hereby allows ye Comittee at Dungannon Oct. 15, 1734, to be deemed and sustained as a regular comittee of ye Genl Synod; seeing only one elder was waiting to complete a quorum, & a minister (*supra numerum*) in his place, & ye Clerk is ordered to engross the minutes of said Comittee in ye Genl Syond's book.

Mr Willm Boyd of Taughboyne petitioned this Synod yt in regard of his great distance from the Presby of Rout, to which he now belongs, he may be annexed for the future to the Presby of Letterkenny: his petition was granted & he is annexed accordingly.

Overtures

The following overtures, agreed on in ye comittee of overtures, were now read, viz:—The Genl Synod having referred to the comittee to propose some fit expedient to oblige ministers to attend meetings of the Genl Synod's comittee, and to prevent the disadvantage occasioned to this church by wanting a full Quorum at such meetings the comittee taking this affair into their serious consideration do overture.

1. (1) Yt ye expences of min^{rs} be punctually paid at their return from such meetings, & yt 2 shill: ℔ diem be allowed each from their going abroad to their return home.

2. (2) That if any preby shall neglect to do justice to their members who have attended any meeting or meetings of such comittee, the sum due shall be deducted from the R.D. of such preby.

3. (3) In order to oblige ministers to attend meetings of ye Genl Synod (the consideraon of which was also referred to this comittee) it is overtured that such as cannot give a sufficient excuse for their absence, shall be obliged to pay 10 shill. to be applyed to the relief of ministers' widows. This overture is to be transmitted to the several presbys, to be considered by 'em before the meeting of next Genl Synod.

(4) Overtured yt a Gen[l] Fast be observed ye second Wednesday of August next within ye bounds of this Gen[l] Synod. Fast.

The Synod approved sd Overtures (except ye 3[d] which is to be transmitted *ut supra*) & orders their mod[r] and clerk to draw up the causes of the Fast and also to amend the paper relating to ye prophanaon of the Lord's day (wh was read in ye Synod) & to transmit the same with ye causes of ye Fast to each presby, to be read when ye Fast is intimated publickly on ye Lord's day preceding in each congregaon.

Concluded with prayer.

From ye Comittee of Funds the following returns were made :—

Drogheda's Quota £30, to be paid by the following cong[ns]

Portaferry	£1	10
Killileagh	1	10
Ballee	1	10
Killinchy	1	5
Drumca	1	0
Ballyhalbert	1	0
Kilmore	0	10
Ballynahinch	1	3
Templepatrick	1	10
Brade	1	10
Dunagor	1	10
Broadisland	1	10
Crumlin	1	3
Islemagee	1	0
Carmeny	1	3
Dunmurry	0	15
Kilade	1	10
Newry	2	10
L. brickland	1	10
Ballyrony	1	0
Drumbo	1	0
Bangor	1	10
Donaghadee	1	11
Drogheda	0	10
Total	£30	10

Sligo's Quota £15 to paid by

Londonderry	£5	0
Glendermen	1	10
Burt	1	10
St. Johnston	1	0
Letterkenny	1	0
Sligo	1	0
Belfast	1	10
Ballyeaston	1	5
Dawson'sbridge	1	5
Total	£15	0

Moywater's Quota £10 by

Ray	£1	10
Monreagh	1	0
Donaghedy	1	0
Clandevaddock	0	10
Muffe	0	10
Longford	1	15
Moywater	0	10
Aghalow	1	3
Clogher	1	7
Faghanveal	0	15
Total	£10	0

Dunfanaghy's Quota £8 to be paid by

Newtonlimavady	£1	10
Ballykelly	1	0
Donaghmore	1	0
Convoy	1	0
Rathmelton	1	10
Ballindred	1	0
Donegal	0	10
Dunfanaghy	0	10
Total	£8	0

Oldcastle £8 to be paid by

Coothill	£0	15
Monaghan	1	15
Glenone	0	15
Oldcastle	0	5
Killishandra	1	0
Clounis	0	18
Mountcampble	0	10
Aghaluskar	0	12
Tullycorbet	1	10
Total	£8	0

Narrowater £5 by

Rathfriland	£1	3
Donaghmore	1	3
Markethill	1	10
Narrowater	0	11
Carrickfergus	1	3
Total	£5	10

I find no more returns in ye papers returned by ye clerk of ye Fund to

GEO. LANG, C.S. G.

A General Synod at Dungannon, June 15, 1736.

Mr Johnston, Modr of the former Synod open'd this Synod by preaching from Jer. 3 : 15, and constituted it by prayer :

Sederunt :—

Ministers.	Elders.
Strabane Preby.	
Neh. Donaldson	
Jas Hemphill	
And. Welsh	Will. Craford
Colerane Preb.	
Chas Lynd	
Jno. Oochran	
Robt. Knox	
Jno. Orre	Sam. Dunlop
Jno. Hill	
Jno. Thomson	
Jas M'Curdy	Jas. Houston
Jno. Semple	
Dublin Preb.	
Hugh Henry	
Monaghan Preb.	
Bapt. Boyd	
Alex. Fleming	
Saml Dunlop	
Pat. Plunket	
Sam. Hemphill	John Dunlop
Will. Patten	Henry Cook
And. Dean	
Jno. Algeo	
Nathl Glasgow	Sam. Smyth
Jno. Gilson	
Jas Hamilton	
Wm Ambrose	Thos Foreman
Alex. McKee	Jno. Rogers
Geo. Carson	
Jas. Clark	
Letterkenny Preb.	
Sam. Dunlop	
Jno. Holmes	
Luke Ashe	
Natl Wilson	
Derry Preb.	
Jno. Stirling	
David Harvey	Wm Cuthbert

Ministers	Elders.
Bangor Preb.	
Jas Cobham	Wm. Lynn
And. Malcom	
Robt Conningham	Jno. Malcom
Robt. Gaudy	
Killileagh Preb.	
Hugh Williamson	
Alex McColm	
Alex Maclaine	Hugh Whyte
Armagh Preb.	
Geo. Lang	Jno. M'Gilmeen
Gilbt. Kennedy	
Jas Johnston	
Robt. Gordon	
Archd Maclaine	Gilbt. Seawright
Jon Menagh	
Geo. Cherry	David M'Camon
Jno. King	Jno Mauffet
Wm. Dick	
Robt. Thomson	Wm. M'Gilree
Jno Maxwell	Jos. Johnston
Jas Moody	
Templepatrick.	
Jas Cobham	
Alex. Brown	
Jas Fraser	Wm. Picking
Tim. Whyte	Jon M'Kinstry
Wm. Thomson	Robt. Hall
Jno. Hastings	Jas M'Cullough
Wm. Holmes	Robt. Maxwell
Jno. Moorhead	Thos Steele
Thos Brown	
Tyrone Preb.	
Thos Kennedy	Jas M'Millan
Hugh Wallace	
Jno. Kennedy	Jno. Reid
Robt. Thomson	Wm. Agnew
Robt. Stuart	Robt. Ross
Jas Orre	Jno. Cherry
Hugh Sharpe	Wm. Duffe
68	30

A Leet was proposed of the following Brethren, viz: Messrs. Sam[l] Dunlop (of Letterkenny) Sam. Hemphill, Ja[s] Fraser, Bapt. Boyd, Robt. Gordon, Hugh Henry, Jno. Kennedy, Nehem. Donaldson, and Jno. Cochran, that one of them might be chosen to preside in this Synod, & M[r] Sam[l] Dunlop was chosen, & Geo. Lang continued Clk.

Ordered yt the several prebys. do make returns tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, of their members for ye several Comittees, of overtures, Bills, Books & Funds, aud ye Gen[l] Synod's fixed Comittee: also of such as they have licensed ordained, installed or entered on Tryals since last Sonod. All ye members are ordered to meet for prayer at 7 o'C *mane*: Concluded with prayer.

Sessio. 2[da] Hora Decima ante merid[m]. post preces, Sed[t] &c.

The several presbys. now made returns of their members for ye several comittees according to the order of last night; also of licensed, ordained, &c.

The preby of Monaghan report that M[r] Will[m] Wilson died the 11th of November 1735; that they ordained at Glentubritt M[r] Ja[s] Clark, May 26, 1736; and have since last Synod licensed to preach Messrs. Sam. Lynn, George Henry and Francis M'Henry, but give no account of their subscription of their Confession of Faith. Died. Ordained.

Presby of Armagh report that the have licensed since Last Synod Messrs. Aughtry Hart and Robt. Herron, and that they both subscribed our Confession of Faith according to the Synod's formula Licensed.

Presby of Killileagh report yt they have since Last Synod licensed Messrs. Jno. M[c]Kibbin, and Jno. M[c]Dowal and ordained M[r] Alex. Maclaine at Ballynahinch the 18th of Aug[t] last.

Presby of Derry report that they have entered on Tryals Messrs. Joseph Osburn, John Lyle & Ja[s] Lyon.

Presby of Colerain report that M[r] Tho[s] Fowler died June 7th 1736; that they have ordained at Clough, Aug[t] 12, 1735, M[r] Ja[s] M[c]Curdy, & ordained at Aghoghle M[r] Jo[n] Semple, June 1, 1736; and have licensed Messrs. Alex. Cuming, Sam[l] Dunlop and Sam[l] Thomson, but give no account of their subscription to the Confession of Faith.

Presby of Bangor report yt since Last Synod they have licensed to preach Messrs. Ja[s] Armstrong & Ja[s] Smyth, & installed M[r] Ja[s] Cochran at Grayabbey, ye 9th of June instant.

Absents from this Synod & excused are Messrs. Victor Ferguson, Ja[s] Reid Dickson, Morr, Seaton, Ja[s] Stuart, Ja[s] Whyte Henderson, Ja[s] Thomson, Masterton, Francis Montgomery, Alex. Reid, Ja[s] Maxwell, Neile, Wirling, M[c]Bride, Porter, M'Creight, Smyly, Iredell, Craghead, Alexander, M[c]Master, Hump. Thomson, Tho[s] Maclaine, Carlisle, M[c]Cleve, Drummond, Vaunce, Jno. Harvey, Wensley, Hanse Stuart, Sam[l] Ross, Alex[r] Hamilton, Nath[l] Orre, Shannon, Smyth of Ballee, Ja[s] Allen, Tho[s] Creighton, Rainey, Livingston, Higinbothom, & Smyth of Holywood. Absents exonsed

Not excused

Not excused are Messrs. Ja^{s} Smyth, Francis Ross, Hair, Ja^{s} Bond, Ball Fairly, McGachin, Wm Boyd, Laird, Thos Harvey, Strawbridge, Nin. Cochrane, Wm Cunningham, And. Ferguson, Jo^{n} Montgomery, Thos Bond, Mackay, Ja^{s} Max^{l} Stuart, Fergy, Thos Scott, Gilbert Kennedy Junr.

Synod's fixed Committee.

Members returned for ye Genl Synod's fixed Comittee are ye same as last year :—

For Strabane presby. Messrs. Ja^{s} Smyth and And^{r} Welsh.

,, Colerane presby. Messrs. Jno. Cochran and David Smyly.

,, Letterkenny presby. Messrs. David Fairly and Luke Ashe.

,, Killileagh presby. Messrs. Ja^{s} Reid, and Gilbt. Kennedy.

,, Monaghan presby. Messrs. Jno. Gibson, and Wm Ambrose.

,, Armagh presby. Messrs. Arch^{d} Maclaine, and Jno. Maxwell, & Jos. Johnston, Elder.

Templepatrick presby. Messrs. Ja^{s} Fraser, & Ja^{s} Whyte, Mr Heny Magill.

Tyrone presby. Messrs. Jno. Kennedy and Robt. Thomson, Mr Wm Agnew Elder.

Bangor presby. Messrs. Robt. Cnnningham and Robt. Gaudie.

Derry presby. Messrs. And^{r} Ferguson, and David Harvey.

These with our Mod^{r} and Clk are ordered to meet at Dungannon when called by our Mod^{r} on any emergent 15 whereof to be a Quorum, and of them 12 to be min^{rs}.

Form of Questions.

Upon reading last Synod's minutes in relaon to a form of Questions to be used at ordinaons, it was now proposed by some Brethren yt a form should be drawn up to be authorized by ye Genl Synod to which ye presbys might add as they saw fit; others proposed yt we drop the farther consideration of this affair & leave it to be ordered by the several presbyterie as formerly, only recommending it to them to inspect into any forms yt should be drawn up by such as preside in ordinaons. Then the question was put, which of these should be approved by the Synod, and the Roll was called, & it carried for ye Second by majority of voices.

Mr Teath's children.

It was new recommended to the sev^{l} Presbys to inquire which of their members have not contributed towards the relief of Mr Teath's children, and to take care that they do contribute for ye relief of those orphans. Mr Masterton sent for their relief, 10^{s} : 10^{d}, Mr Thos Brown gave 5^{s} : 5^{d}, and Messrs. Clarke, Gaudy and Mr Jno. Orre gave each 2^{s} : 8$\frac{1}{2}^{d}$, which sums were sent to them by Mr Algeo.

Fund for Holywood.

It is now represented yt it was neglected last year to order any part of the publick fund for Holywood; the Synod orders sd congregaon to be supported by the fund, and that the Comittee of Funds take this affair into their consideration & propose a method for that end.

Now reported yt ye Tryal of Mr Vaunce before ye presby. of Letterkenny wh was ordered by Last Synod is yet depending and not issued. Mr Vaunce.

A letter from ye Synod of Philadelphia in America directed to this Synod was now read. Ordred yt ye following Brethren, Messrs. Cobham, Gilbt Kennedy, Thos Keunedy, Jno. Stirling, Alex. Brown, Archd Maclaineand Geo. Cherry do draw up an answer to sd letter. They desired some instructions wh were given them; they brought in a draught wh was approved & ye Clk was appointed to transcribe & subscribe it in the Synod's name and send it by ye first fit occasion. Letter from Philadelphia.

The presby of Templepatrick met wth some correspondents & issued ye affair of Tullyrisk, according to ye order of last Synod and there is not now any complaint from sd people. Tullyrisk.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon, ye Comittees to meet at 3; Concluded with prayer.

Sessio IIItia. Hora Vta. post meridm die mercurii: post preces, Sedt &c

The Synod now taking into consideraon the non-attendance of many minrs on the meetings this Synod, though fit to lay aside ye overture of last year, & now unanimously to aggree to an overture now made, viz.: yt a minr who shall not be able to give a relevant excuse for his absence, shall receive from ye Modr in name of ye Synod a publick solemn rebuke, an account of which shall be entered in our records; if sd minr shall be absent 2 years successively shall receive such reproof of his preby, and wh shall be entered in their records, because there will not be an opportunity of giving a rebuke before the Synod.

From ye discontented people of Ardstraw appeared Wm Coningham and Saml Boyd &c. Comrs. they presented a supplicaon setting forth their grievances by reason of their not submitting to Mr Welsh's ministry, & requesting to be erected into a congregaon; to be disannexed from the presby of Strabane & annexed to some other presby; they alledge they are able to pay ye Synod's Quota towards maintaining a minr. From Mr Welsh's congregaon appeared William Craford & Thos Mathewson Comrs. They alledged yt almost all their once discontented neighbours had submitted to Mr Welsh's ministry, & yt the number remaining was so small that it was not expected untill last Lord's Day yt they would have made any application to this Synod & yt they had been excited by the practising of some persons. Both parties were fully heard, as also the correspondents with ye presby. of Strabane which met by order of the Synod of Derry in 1734. Ardstraw affair.

Then ye parties were removed. And ye Synod came deliberately to consider this affair, and after reasoning, a Question was offered, whether it appears to this Synod yt there is any ground for the erection desired by the discontented people of Ardstraw or not? The Question was put, & it was unanimously agreed yt there is not any ground. A 2d Question was offered whether we should leave those who have not at all submitted to Mr Welsh's ministry to their liberty to joyn any congregation they think fit or not? Decision.

& it was unanimously agreed to leave them to their liberty; & Mr Welsh is hereby enjoined to give certificates to such of them as be free of scandal; they paying their proportion of all arrears due by the congregation before Mr Welsh's settlement.

It was also proposed and agreed to that they shall take out their dismisse at or upon the first Friday of July next, but not after. Messrs. Donaldson, Ferguson & Jos. Hemphill or any two of them to be present at giving such dismisses; but if any desire them sooner, Mr Welsh shall be obliged to give them, giving notice in their dismisses of such scandals as any shall be under.

Ballynahinch affair.

From ye minor part of Ballynahinch congregaon appeared Messrs Holmes, Sam. Berkeley &c. Comrs they presented a supplication wherein they declare 'emselves unwilling to submit to Mr Maclaine's ministry; also earnestly desiring to be erected into a distinct congregation. They offer £30 ℔ annum toward support of a minr & desire to be annexed to ye presby of Bangor & to be supplied by it.

Appeared from Mr Maclaine's congregaon Mr Davd Whyte Comr who offered answers to several allegaons of the minor part, & whereas their exact number is matter of debate it was overtured & agreed to yt Messrs. Williamson and King be present with the parties in adjudging the number of sd people & make report tomorrow morning. The several comittees are ordered to meet tomorrow at 7 o'clock; ye Interloquitur at 9, and the Synod at 10 in the morning. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 4ta, hora Decima Mane, die Jovis, post preces, Sedt &c.

Ballynahinch affair decided.

The Synod resumed ye consideraon of Ballynahinch affair. The Brethren ordered to see the number of the minor part adjusted Report yt there was a new List of them drawn up consisting of 124, 3 or 4 of wh were contested by Mr Whyte, Commr. Both sides were again heard and removed, and the Synod proceeded to ye serious consideraon of this affair. Many members spoke upon it and reasoned for some time, alledging the inexpediency of erecting that people & their inability to support a minr. A Questtion was offered, and put, erect sd people into a Congregaon or not? and it carried almost unanimously in ye negative. Then ye Synod took into consideration how to dispose of sd people and it was unanimously agreed that they have leave to join themselves to any neighbouring congregaon they think fit; also yt they shall have certificates from Mr Maclaine & take out dismisses the last Wednesday of October or sooner. Mr Williamson & Mr King are ordered to be present at sd time at Ballynahinch, & any of ye people who shall want ordinances before said time, are allowed to have them in the same manner as last year was allowed by ye Synod. Also if any of yt people shall be under any scandal the same shall be notified in their dismisses.

It was moved and aggreed to that Messrs Williamson and King when they meet at Ballynahinch shall interpose their advice to compose any difference relating to the civil property of the minor part in seats in ye meeting-house &c.

A reference of the presby of Monaghan in relation to the transportation of Mr William Patton from Branbrechy to Lisburn which had given a regular call to him, was now laid before the Synod. The reference was read & ye minutes of the presby of Monaghan relating that affair. Reference of ye preby of Monaghan.

From Lisburn appeared Jas Fulton, Robt. Bell &c. Comrs and from Branbrechy Mr Henry Cook Comr. The reasons for ye transportation offered [by] the people of Lisburn were read, also the answers to said reasons offered by Branbrechy & then ye reasons and answers were read alternately; also a letter from several gentln of ye Established Church and Justices of the peace in the County of Meath, desiring he might not be transported & representing the inexpediency of his leaving yt county, was read.

There appeared also some papers from part of the people of Lisburn presented by George Story & Mr Mc Neight, against ye transportaon: Likewise a letter from that people to Mr Patton warmly remonstrating against his being thrust in upon them without their having the benefit of a poll and another candidate sett up. The Comrs from Lisburn of both sides were heard, also the Comr from Branbrechy and lastly Mr Patton was heard, and the parties all remov'd.

Then ye Synod came very seriously to consider this important affair; many members spoke and reasoned at some length upon it, and then the Synod adjourned to 5 afternoon, the comittees to meet at 4. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio Vta hora Vta post meridm post preces Sedt &c.

The affair of the Transportation was resumed and after further reasoning, & calling on God for light & direction in a matter of such weight, the vote was stated, Transport or not? & it carried transport by majority of voices. The parties were called & our decision intimated to them, & ye parties aggrieved by it were exhorted by the Modr to a supmission to Divine Providence & dependence on God for making up their loss. Mr Patton was ordered to act in concert wh ye Presby of Templepatrick for fixing ye time of his Installment at Lisburn. Mr Patton's Transportation.

The place of next Genl Synod came now to be voted. The following places were nominated, viz: Armagh, Derry, Dungannon, Antrim, Ballymena and Belfast, and it carried by a majority for Antrim where next Synod is ordered to meet ye 3d Tuesday of June next, Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Agreed to recomend it to ye several congs within ye bounds of this Synod to allow a Sabbath Collection from each towards erecting a meeting-house for Mr Semple's congregaon at Aghoghle. Also Mrs Dykes' loss by an accidental fire wh consumed her dwelling-houses & goods, is hereby recommended to ye consideration of the congregations belonging to this Synod in order to a charitable supply. Also Mr Dalrymple's distressed condition is recommended to the charitable consideraon of the Revd Sub-Synod of Belfast. Charities

A Supplication from Dunfanaghy now vacant by ye transportation of Mr Jas Cochran to Grayabby, desiring ye continuance of their Quota of the publick fund during their vacancy now presented. The Synod in consideraon of ye circumstances of yt people & ye difficulty of their being supplied, granted the half, viz : £5 annually during their vacancy; as also what Grayabby shall contribute towards ye publick Fund.

An affair of Monimore congregaon came now before the Synod by a Reference of ye presby of Tyrone. The act of Reference was Read wh a state of ye case & other papers relating ye affair. Appeared Comrs from part of the congregation which is for Mr Caldwell, Willm Ramsey, Zachary McSparrin, Jno. Kid, &c., Comrs. They presented a supplication & state of their case, alledging Mr Caldwell's being elected by ye majority of their people. From another part of ye congregaon appeared Jas McConby, Jno. Stitt, &c., Comrs. They also presented a supplicaon wherein they alledge irregular practices in ye election of Mr Caldwell. The parties being ask'd what they had further to say in support of what they had advanced in their papers; those for Mr Caldwell utterly denied the majority to be on the side of the opposers as is alledged in their papers & did also alledge undue practices in opposing Mr Caldwell, & referred to several letters for clearing Mr Caldwell's character wh had suffer'd by some aspersions of some of his opposers. Some sd letters were read. The Comrs of ye opposite party denied several facts alledged by their neighbours who are for Mr Caldwell. The Synod finding that this affair can't be issued this night, it being now 10 o'clock did adjourn to 8 *mane*. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio VIta die veneris—at 8 *mane, post proces, Sedt &c.*

The affair of Monimore was resumed, and the presby of Tyrone was heard. They vindicated 'emselves from being any way accessory to the Divisions of Monimore; not having given any sentence nor had any connexson in ye election they desired yt ye rights of ye congregaon & every member thereof in choosing Mr Caldwell or any other to be their pastor, may be preserved. The Supplicaon of both parties to ye presby wh gave occasion to Reference was now read, the parties were farther heard & removed, & ye Synod proceeded deliberately to consider this momentous affair, and after reasoning came to the following resoluons :—

(1) Yt it doth not appear to this Synod yt there is any ground for several things wh have been whispered in the congregaon of Monimore to ye Disadvantage of Mr Caldwell's character, & have also been advanced in several papers wh have been read in this Synod; yet in order to give full satisfaction to all persons concerned ye Synod hath thought fit to order a comittee consisting of Messrs. Gilbert Kennedy Senr, Cherry, Wm Henderson, Wm Holmes, Bapt Boyd, Plunket, Ambrose, Thos Bond, Davd Harvey, & Willm Conningham, 4 whereof to be a quorum, shall meet at Moneymore the last Thursday of July next, & impartially inquire into ye occasions and grounds of those whispers and reports to the disadvantage of Mr Caldwell's reputation, which have been spread in yt place & yt such members of the presby of Strabane as please the

presby of Tyrone do attend ye meeting of sd comittee & give what light they can in that affair; and any person who can make any thing appear to the prejudice of Mr Caldwell's character is hereby desired to appear before said comittee.

(2) Yt if no person appear to prove anything against Mr Caldwell, ye Committee shall declare him clear of all ye aspersions cast on his character.

(3) Yt. in case Mr Caldwell's character appear fair, & unblemished, then the Presby of Tyrone shall order one of their number to preside in a call to Mr Caldwell, and if it appears yt 2 thirds of the congregaon (regard being had to their numbers & payments according to ye Genl Synod's rule of 1733) are for Mr Caldwell to be their pastor, then ye Presby shall proceed in an orderly way.

(4) Yt ye Synod shall & hereby doth advise ye Presby of Tyrone to call Mr Caldwell to supply Moneymore some Sabbaths before ye meeting of ye Comittee.

(5) Yt ye supplyer ordered by sd presby shall read these resolutions next Lord's day in Monimore meeting-house after both sermons.

(6) Yt as Mr Caldwell might be present at sd Committee, he do open ye Comittee by preaching before them; all wh resolutions were approved unanimously.

An Appeal of ye congregation of Maughera from a sentence of the presby of Tyrone of January 13, 1735, erecting ye people of Tubbermore into a congregaon, came now before ye Synod. The Presby's sentence & the appeal were read; appeared Comrs from Maughera, Mr Jackson Clark, Jno. Houston &c: they offered ye reasons of their appeal which were read. Also from Tubbermore appaared Jas Alexander Robt. Ferguson &c. Comrs. they produced answers to said Reasons which were also read; and the Comrs of both sides heard at great length and removed. The Synod after reasoning proceeded to a determination of the merits of the cause, and the Question was stated and put continue the erection of Tubbermore or not? & it carried not by a great majority. But in condescension to that people & to promote their edification, the Synod resolved that when Maghera shall have a minr fixed among them the people of Tubbermore shall have such part of his labours as the preby. the minr and people of Maughera shall agree upon. Adjourned to 6 afternoon, the interloquitur to meet at 5. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 7ma: Hora Sexta post meridma post preces Sedt

Proposed and aggreed that Drogheda Localities & all other Localities upon the fund be the same as last year except some few alterations now made; Moywater, Vinicash, &c., had their Localities signed by ye Clerk of ye Synod.

Some members of ye Presby of Tyrone were representing yt Maughera & Tubbermore will 'emselves agree about their mearings. The Synod consented yt if those parties shall accomodate matters

between 'emselves & ye presby be convinced that there is a fund for two congregations, then ye presby be allowed to do as they see cause, notwithstanding ye decision of ye former session of this Synod. Concluded wh prayer.

Interloquitr 1. June 17. 9 o'clock *mane.*

A letter from Jno Brown Esq. of Ralbin in Connaught directed to this Synod was now read. Mr Saml Dunlop, late member of Coleraine presby being mentioned in ye same and now present, was called and questioned about ye manner of his fixing himself at Minulla without ye concurrence and direction of the presby to which he belong'd, and from which he had not any credentials. He offered several reasons for his conduct too long to be inserted here. Mr Brown in's letter speaks very well of Mr Dunlop's behaviour and diligence and desires we may allow him the R.D. detain'd from him.

The Brethren, in consideraon of Mr Brown's character of Mr Dunlop, his own circumstances & of ye place where he now resides, Resolved to restore the R.D. he had forfeited by his irregular leaving ye North and fixing himself in Connaught. Mr Dunlop was called in & admonished for his irregularity, & he promised to conduct himself with more circumspection for ye future. And he & ye people of our persuasion at Minulla were put under ye care of the Presby of Monaghan, being 50 families, they being nearest to it.

Interloquitur 2d & 3d. June 18 & 19th.

The Clk produced a Letter from the Revd Mr Iredell in Dublin in favour of Mrs McCrackan of Lisburn, representing her as in necessitous circumstances & so ought to receive a proportion of R.D. untill ye congregation be planted. The Brethren taking this into their serious consideration ordered ye clk to inquire whether what of R.D. was due to Mr McCrackan at his death & ye quarter in which he died had been paid to his widow. But did not think fit to allow her any more. Several Brethren of ye country said she had £18 ℔ annum settled on her which was equal if not above ye maintenance of some minrs.

Ordered yt Mr Bapt, Boyd and ye Clk, when they meet in Sub-Synod of Armagh, at Dungannon do take care of ye fund due to Mr Wilson of Baylyborough deceased.

The Clk produced a strong remonstrance of ye presby of Bangor against any deductions out of R.D. on any score whatsoever without every man's personal consent.

GEO. LANG, C.S.G.

8th 7ber, 1736.

A Genl Synod at Antrim. June 21, 1737.

Mr Saml Dunlop, Modr of last Synod, opend this by preaching from Romans 14. 1: and Titus 3. 10: & constituted it by prayer. Sederunt:—

Ministers.	Elders.
Templepatrick Presby.	
Jas Cobham.	
Alex. Brown.	Jno. Steele.
Wm Livingston.	Wm M'Creight.
Jas Whyte.	Chas Frew.
Will. Patton.	Jas Fulton.
Jas Fraser.	Jno. Brown.
Tim. White.	Jno. Beggs.
Wm Thomson.	Jno. Jackson.
Jno. Hastings.	Wm Brown.
Thos Craford.	
Will. Holmes.	Wm Macconchy.
Jas Moorhead.	Thos Steele.
Jno. Thomson.	Jno. Russell.
Thos Brown.	
Wm Henderson.	Archd Hunter.
Jno. Brown.	Alexr Adair
Jas Macconnel.	Thos Hunter
Dublin Presby.	
Hugh Henry.	
Tyrone Presby.	
Thos Kennedy.	Jas M'Millan.
Hugh Wallace.	Jas Henry.
Jno. Kennedy.	Wm Woods.
Robt. Stuart.	Robt. M'Creight.
Hugh Sharpe.	
Derry Presby.	
Jno. Stirling.	
Thos Harvey.	
Wm Coningham.	
Davd Harvey.	
Jno. Montgomery.	
Thos Bond.	
Bangor Presby.	
Jas Stuart.	Jas Maxwell.
Chas Masterton.	Jno. Brown.
Archd Dickson.	
Fran. Montgomery	
Jas Cochran.	Jas Martin.
Robt. Coningham	
Wm Smith.	Jas Macconnel.
And. Malcom.	Robt. Smith.
Jas Mackay.	
Jas Maxl Stuart.	Wm Findlay.
Robt. Gaudy.	Saml McAlexr
Jas M'Cullough	Jno. Calderwood.
Strabane Presby.	
Nehem Donaldson	
Victor Ferguson.	
Andr Welsh.	
Coleraine Presby.	
Robt. Wirling.	Jas Kerr.
Robt. McBride.	Archd Duglass.
Jno. Cochran.	Jas Bicket.
Jno. Orre.	Jas Smith.
Jno. Hill.	Jos. Wyly.
Jno. Thomson.	Robt. Montgomery
Wm. M'Creight.	Jas Kilpatrick.
Davd Smyly.	Jno. Edmonston.
Jas M'Curdy.	Wm. Sheerer.
Jno. Semple.	Robt. Clarke.
Monaghan.	
Bapt. Boyd.	
Geo. Carson.	
Jas Clarke.	
Letterkenny.	
Jno. Ball.	
Sam. Dunlop.	
Fran. Laird.	
Jno. Holmes.	
Luke Ashe.	
Wm. Wilson.	
Killileagh.	
Jas Reid.	
Alex. M'Colm.	
Alex. M'Claine.	
Armagh.	
Geo. Lang.	
Gilbt. Kennedy.	Hugh Campbell
Robt. Gordon.	
Archd M'Claine.	Jno. Steele.
Jno. Menagh.	
Geo. Cherry.	
Jas Allen.	
Jno. King.	Alex. Holms.
Wm. Dick.	Hugh Hamilton.
Robt. Thomson.	Wm. Trewsdale.
Jno. Maxwell.	Nath. Dobbin.
Thos Creighton.	Mr Breckenrigg.
Jas Moody.	
Total 79 minrs	43 Elders.

The Mod^{r} desired a new Mod^{r} might be chosen, and a leet of Ministers was proposed, viz :—Messrs. Ja^{s} White, James Fraser, Bapt. Boyd, Robt. Gordon, Jno. Kennedy, Nehem. Donaldson, Jno. Cochran, Robt. Wirling, Hugh Wallace, Fran. Montgomery, & Hugh Henry, yt one of them might be chosen to preside in this Synod. The Roll was called & Mr Ja^{s} White was chosen, and Geo. Lang continued Clerk.

The several Presbys. are ordered to make returns to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock of their members for ye several comittees, for Overtures, Bills, Books, and Funds, & for ye Genl Synod's fixed Comittee ; also of such ministers as have died, been ordained or installed, & of such as have been licensed to preach, or entered upon Tryals for the ministry since last Synod, and of such as they design to enter upon Tryals.

Order'd that all the Members of the Synod do meet for prayer to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock & ye Synod at 10. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio II^{da} Die Mercurij hora X^{ma} mane. post preces Sedt. &c.

The Presbys made returns according to ye order of last night.

Ordained. Licensed.

The Presby of Templepatrick report that they installed Mr Patton at Lisburn the 7th of July last ; ordained Mr Jno. Brown at Ballymena Sept. 21, & Mr Jno. Macconnel at Kilade, May 3, 1737, & Licensed Messrs. Robt Davidson & Jno. Lawson, & yt they all subscribed according to order.

Bangor Presby report that they ordain'd Mr Jas Maccullough at Monyrea, November 3, & Licensed since Last Synod Messrs. Saml McAlexander, Andrew Kennedy, Hugh Dickson, Henry Jackson, Geo. Ferguson & Saml Kennedy, & have entered on Tryals Mr Thos M'Crackan ; no account of subscribing ye confession of Faith, tho its believed they did.

Dead.

Derry Presb. report yt Mr Saml Ross died Oct. 26, and Mr Thos Wensly ye 28 8ber. and Mr Hanse Stuart May 6, 1737 ; & yt they have licensed since last Synod Messrs. Ja^{s} Osburn, Jno. Lyle, & Ja^{s} Lyon, who all subscribed according to order.

Armagh Presby. report that Mr Chas Wallace died the 12th of July and Mr Rainey the 10th of Sept. 1736.

Hollywood.

The Comittee of Funds is hereby ordered to take into consideraon ye congregation of Hollywood & find out Localities for their Quota of the Fund.

Absents Excused.

Absents from this Synod & excused are Messrs. Ja^{s} Johnston, Alex. Reid, Fran. Ross, Saml Dunlop of Connaught, Leathes, Gilbt. Kennedy Junr, Shannon, Smith of Ballee, Leech, Iredell, Jno. Harvey, Ja^{s} Maxwell, M'Cleve, Moore, Seaton, Lynd.

Not excused are:—Messrs. Craghead, Alexander, M'Master, Williamson, Fergy, Scott, Ja^{s} Orr, Murray, Strawbridge, Ninian Cochran, Fairley, Jo^{s} Hemphill, Ja^{s} Smith, Porter, Knox, Humph. Thomson, Fleming, Hair, Plunket, Thos Maclaine, Saml Hemphill, Carlile, Ja^{s} Bond, Dean, Glasgow, Gibson, Mackee, Ja^{s} Hamilton, Ambrose, Vaunce, Magachin, Hen. Neil.

Members for ye Genl Synod's fixed Comittee are ye same as last year:

From T.patrick Presby. are Messrs. Ja^{s} Fraser & Tim White, & Hen. Magill, Elder

From Strabane presby. Messrs. Ja^{s} Smith & Welsh.

Coleraine, Messrs. Jno. Cochran & Smyly.

Letterkenny presby. Messrs. Dav^{d} Fairley & Luke Ashe.

Killileagh Presby. Messrs. Ja^{s} Reid & Kennedy.

Monaghan Presby. Messrs. Gibson & Ambrose.

Armagh Presby. Messrs. Arch^{d} Maclaine & Jno. Maxwell & Jo^{s} Johnston, Elder.

Tyrone Presby. Messrs. Jno. Kennedy, & Robt. Thomson, Wm Agnew, Elder.

Bangor Presby. Messrs. Robt. Conigham & Robt. Gaudie.

Derry Presby. Messrs. And. Ferguson & Dav^{d} Harvey.

These with our Mod^{r} and Clk. are ordered to meet at Dungannon when called by the Mod^{r} on any emergent, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 to be ministers.

Letterkenny Presby. report that Mr Vaunce's Tryal is issued.

Reported by Strabane Presby yt ye malecontents of Ardstraw submitted to Mr Welsh's ministry, instead of taking out dismisses.

The case of Mr Dalrymple is hereby. recommended to ye whole Genl Synod & ye Mod^{r} & clerk of each presby are to be active in procuring such contributions as may serve to relieve his distressed state.

The Comittee of Overtures are hereby ordered to bring in an overture for better regulating ye publick Fund.

The Comittee appointed by last Synod to meet at Monimore, report yt nothing of weight was objected to Mr Caldwell's character, & yt they advis'd the Presby. of Tyrone to proceed to his settlement as appears by their Minutes wh are *in retentis*.

The Presby has a representaon of yt affair to lay before ye Synod

Adjourned to 3 afternoon. All ye comittees ordered to meet imediately to prepare Business for ye Synod. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio III^tia^ Die Mercurii, hora 3^tia^ post merid^m^, post preces, Sed^t^ &c.

Dunfanaghy.

From Dunfanaghy appeared Henry Dunsmore, Com^r^. he presented a supplicaon setting forth ye singular and very distressed state of that congregaon & their readiness to exert 'emselves to their utmost ability, praying yt what the Synod allows them of ye publick fund may be put on such a foot as to be punctually paid to their pastor, when one should be fixed among them; this to be considered in ye Interloquitur.

Papers from N. England.

Some papers from New England were put into the Clerk's hands by the comittee of Bills and whereas there be other papers from the same province and relating the same affair; (viz: a difference among our Brethren in that country) it was moved and aggreed to that a comittee be appointed to peruse all the papers & Report their opinion on the subject of them to the Synod. The Members of the comittee are Meesrs. Thos Kennedy, Gilbt. Kennedy, Mr Stirling, Chas Masterton, Jno. Cochran, Robt. M^c^Bride, & Tim. White; they are to meet Immediately. It was their opinion that a most affectionate & moving letter should be written to our Brethren to persuade them to lay aside their heats and contentions and endeavour to compose their Differences in a Christian and brotherly manner, The Letter was written and comitted to M^r^ M^c^Bride's care.

Urny appeal from Synod of Derry.

An appeal of part of ye congregaon of Urny from a sentence of the Revd Synod of Derry came now before ye Synod; appeared Com^rs^ prosecuting it, David Hunter, & Robt. Boggs. They presented a supplicaon alledging they were much aggrieved by sd sentence, and complained of undue practises in procuring a call to Mr Macbeth.

Mr Galbreath Hamilton & Jno Moore produced a comission from ye Session & body of the congregation in opposition to the appellants expressing their willingness to acquisesce in the sentence of ye Synod of Derry. The Synod heard both parties as also ye Synod of Derry, whose minutes relating to ye affair were read; the parties being removed, several members spoke & alledged the sentence of ye Synod of Derry ought to be approved. After reasoning it was agreed to approve their conduct (there not being sufficient ground for the appeal) except their allowing ye subscriptions to Mr Macbeth's call which were made in presence of some members of the Session only and not attested by the minister appointed to see the call signed; such Subscriptions we judge not regular, and that such a practice ought not to be drawn into a proceedent in any future call. Nevertheless since their genuineness is not contested, the Synod allows the presby of Strabane to proceed according to order and custom in such cases. The Question was put, approve this minute or not? and it carried approve by a great majority. The parties were called and ye minute read to 'em.

The Synod resolved itself into an Interloquitur of all the members, both min^rs^ & elders to consider of the publick Fund, which appears to be in a bad state.

An Overture from the Comittee of Overtures in relaon to the Fund was read, & which with some aditions now made is as follows, viz :— Resolutions about the Fund.

1.—That every presby. shall particularly inqnire into the case of their members in collecting their respective Quotas of the Fund, and if sd Quotas be as large as the ability of the congregation will admit, & make report of their dilligence to the Sub-Synods to which said presbys belong & sd Sub-Synods to give an account to the Gen[l] Synod.

2.—It was also proposed and aggreed to that Collectors should now be appointed in all the presbys, & that all proceedings in relaon to the Fund should be recorded in the minutes of the several presbys and Sub-Synod.

The Collectors appointed are :—for T.patrick, M[r] Tim. White; for Strabane, M[r] Ferguson; for Colerane, M[r] Jno. Cochran; for Tyrone, M[r] Jno. Kennedy; for Letterkenny, M[r] Sam[l] Dunlop; for Derry, M[r] David Harvey; for Armagh, M[r] Cherry; for Bangor, M[r] Malcom; for Killileagh, M[r] Smith: for Monaghan, M[r] Boyd.

3.—It was further proposed & aggreed to that all possible care should be taken by ministers to procure the consent of congregaons to pay their Quotas in such manner as shall best answer the Synod's design to make the fund effectual.

4.—The Interloquitur now finding that a considerable sum is wanting to complete the fund & make it answer the Quotas of the several congregations upon it to procure ye sum, viz : about £12. Resolved that some able congregations which pay but small Quotas shou'd be intreated to adde to them and that the presbys do deal in most earnest manner with gentlemen of considerable fortunes, to contribute toward the fund over & above the Quota paid by the congregaons of which they are members.

It was also resolved to write to the congregaons in Dublin in ye most pressing manner to contribute to the fund which heretofore they have not done, and to assure them what they shall yay shall be applied to the support of Drogheda, a congregation within their bounds wh the Synod can't support as it shou'd be without their assistance.

5.—And, lastly, whereas our Clerk acquaints us that he has a paper containing a representaon of the state of some congregaons on the fund, with a moving exhortation to ministers and people to exert themselves for the relief of such congregaons & their ministers, that he shall be allowed to comunicate the same to the presby of Armagh, & if approved by it, to transmit the same to the several presbys to be used by them as prudence shall direct.

The Synod is ordered to meet at 8 o'clock, *mane*. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio IV[ta] hora octava. Mane, die Jovis, June 23; *post preces Sed[t] :—*

A reference from the presby of Tyrone in relaon to Castledawson, was now laid before the Synod.

Affair of Castledawson and Maughryfelt.

From Maughryfelt, part of sd congregaon appeared Messrs. Robt. Rainey, & Willm Johnston Com^{rs}; they offer'd a supplicaon shewing that Maughryfelt being a large town in which are fifty-six families of Dissenters ought to have a place of worship to which they may sometimes resort and not be obliged always to travel two miles to Castledawson; they offer several other arguments.

Also from Castledawson appeared Willm Kennedy, Willm Dickson, & several other Com^{rs}; they presented a supplicaon pleading that the greater part of the congregation was most convenient to their present meeting-house and several other reasons why the desire of Maughryfelt should not be granted. The minutes of ye Presby of Tyrone on this affair were read, and the Com^{rs} on both sides heard at great length. Mr Wallace was also heard, and the presby of Tyrone. Then all parties were removed, and the Synod came seriously to consider this weighty affair. And the supplicaons were again distinctly read, and the reasons of Castledawson why the desire of Maughryfelt should not be granted with Maughryfelt's answers to said reasons; all which are heedfully considered, & many members spoke on the affair.

It was moved and aggreed to that a comittee be ordered to bring in an overture upon it, consisting of Messrs. Masterton, Laird, Gilb^{t} Kennedy, Livingston, and Ashe. They may call for any members of the presby of Tyrone to give them informaon. The Comittee reported their opinion as follows:—

Castledawson and Maughryfelt

1st That Castledawson and Maughryfelt should still continue one congregaon under Mr Wallace's ministerial care, and that his labours should be equally divided betwixt them.

2. That the Presby of Tyrone should send supplies to each of the meeting-houses from which Mr Wallace should be absent.

3. That each side be accountable to the presby of Tyrone for their equal half of the stipend, and that the bounds shall be fixed betwixt them by the assistance & direction of sd presby.

4. That Maughryfelt side should be at all the expense of their own supplies and pay three pounds towards the expense of the supplies of Castledawson. The Question was put, approve said overture or not? and it carried approve, only one vote in the negative. The parties were called and our minute read to them.

Select Comittee for Carncastle.

Mr Alex. Brown moved that whereas the congregaon of Carncastle had given a call to M^{r} M'Cullough of Monyrea in Bangor presby; that to prevent delay in case of an appeal, a comittee of the Genl Synod be appointed to judge the affair; this was granted; and the Synod's Clerk is hereby ordered to call said committee upon application from the party beside.

The members are as follows, from Strabane presby:—Messrs. Hemphill & Welsh; from Derry, Messrs. Coningham & David Harvey; from Armagh, Messrs. Menagh and Cherry; from Monaghan, Messrs. Bapt. Boyd and Willm Ambrose; from Rout, Messrs. McBride and M'Curdy; from Letterkenny, Messrs. Ball and Boyd; from Tyrone,

Messrs. Thos Kennedy and Wallace; from Killileagh, Messrs. Reid and Kennedy with an Elder from each presby; nine to be a Quorum, whereof six to be ministers. Sd Comittee is to meet at Antrim.

Derry Appeal.

An appeal of part of Derry congregaon from the presby of Derry came now before us: the appeal was read. Appeared proscuting it, Messrs. Moore, Ewing and Marshall, Comrs; they alledged that the presby's too hastily proceeding in countenancing a call of the other part of the congregaon to Mr David Harvey and Mr Hair, a probaoner, while the appellants were overlooked & neglected. From the Session and other part of the congregaon appeared Comrs Messrs. Davis and Cross; they plead that the party wh opposeth their design to have Mr Harvey and Mr Hair is not considerable. The reasons of the appeal were read with the Presby of Derry's answers to said reasons; then they were read a second time alternately, and the parties heard upon them at considerable length. Then the Synod adjourned to 4 o'clock post meridiem; the Comittees to meet at three. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio Vta hora 4ta post meridiem, Die Jovis, post preces, Sedt &c.

Derry affairs.

The affair of Derry was resumed, and Mr Moore, one of the appellants was again heard: he alledged they were put under great hardships by a Poll's being refused. The Presby of Derry observed that his reasoning had no relaon to the appeal. The parties were removed and the Synod came to consider this weighty affair. It was proposed that the appeal be wav'd & a comittee appointed to converse with the parties & bring an overture for accomodating the affair. This was agreed to and Messrs. Cobham, Masterton, Dunlop, Livingston, and Menagh, were named for a Comittee and sent out, and being returned, reported, that they had accomodated the difference betwixt the parties; they gave in the agreement in writing, to which both parties subscribed before the Synod. The presby of Derry did heartily approve of the agreement. The paper being dropped in the Meeting-house (if it was given to the clk) the clerk can't find it. The sum of it was to this purpose, that the appellants consented to drop their opposition to the Revd Mr David Harvey's call on condition that their right of electing a colleague to him should be preserved & a maintenance of £40 per annum secured to such colleague.

Select Comittee for Derry.

The presby as also the Comrs from Londonderry desired a Comittee of the Genl Synod might be appointed, finally to determine in case of an appeal on the transportation of Mr Harvey to Derry. The Synod agreed to this, and a Comittee was nominated, viz: From Strabane presby, Messrs. Victor Ferguson, Jas Smith and Mr Hugh Brown, Elder; From Letterkenny, Messrs. Ball & Boyd, Mr Wm Keys, Elder; From Colerane, Messrs. Lynd and Jno. Thomson, & William Maccafee, Elder; From Tyrone, Messrs. Stuart & Sharpe, Mr Rae, Elder; From Colerane, Messrs. Higinbothom and Willm Henderson, Mr Thos Rummage, Elder; to meet at Newtownlymavaddy and to be called by the Modr of Derry Presby, six Ministers & three Elders to be Quorum.

Moneymore Appeal.

An appeal of the congregation of Moneymore from ye presby of Tyrone, also a Reference of sd presby previous to the appeal were now laid before the Synod: Com^{rs} from Moneymore appeared, Messrs. Zachary McSparrin, Wm Ramsay, Wm Kidd, &c., Com^{rs}: they produced a paper containing a Representaon of the state of their case and reasons of their appeal, which was read. Also a paper from ye presby containing an account of their conduct with the reasons thereof which was also read and again a second time, paragraph by paragraph and the Com^{rs} from Moneymore made some observations upon it. The parties being fully heard were Remov'd, and ye Synod proceeded to consider the affair; & after reasoning a Question was offered appoint the presby of Tyrone to proceed to the settlement of Mr Caldwell in Moneymore with all convenient speed, unless it appear that one-third of ye congregation (exclusive of the 40 or 50 families who did not sign, with ye congregation from the beginning of Mr Caldwell's affair) did oppose it? The Roll was called & this was agreed to except one voice. Also aggreed that the presby of Tyrone shall cause intimaon to be made in Moneymore the first Sabb. of July next, that the Sabb. following a minister from them will attend at Moneymore & enquire whether such as had subscribed to Mr Caldwell's call privately or any other did withdraw their subscriptions.

Moneymore.

It being now late, the Synod adjourned to 9 *mane.* Concluded with prayer.

Sessio VI^{ta} Die Veneris hora nona, mane, post preces Sedt &c.

Lisburn malcontents

From ye malcontents in Lisburn appeared Jno. & Geo. Clarkes &c., Com^{rs}, they presented a supplicaon desiring they may be erected into a congregaon. The Com^{rs} were heard, as also Ja^{s} Fulton elder, from Lisburn, who complained that Mr Patten's congregaon was not apprised of any such applicaon and not prepared to answer. The following comittee, viz: Messrs. McBride, Hastings, and Hill, were appointed to discourse the parties and report their opinion on the affair. They withdrew & being returned offered their opinion as follows:— 1. Yt they see no cause to depart from the unanimous resolution of the Genl Synod 1734, vizt: Yt to allow an erection in Lisburn would be of ye worst consequence. 2. Yt whereas the gentlemen desiring an erection have imployed Mr Magee an irregular person under process for intrusion and several imoralities that they immediately dismiss him, for better security of their regularity in their future conduct, promised in their supplicaon. 3. Yt they join themselves to the presby of Templepatrick who are to take care of them, and endeavour to persuade 'em to submit to Mr Patten's ministry, except such as have any reall scruples so to do, who may be allowed to join themselves to neighbouring congregations, and dismisses be readily granted them for that end. This 3^{d} resolution was added by the Synod, & the two former agreed to & intimated to the parties.

The petition of Banbrahy & ye Polls is referred to the Interloquitur.

The affairs of Maghera & Tubbermore were now laid before the Synod. From Maughera appeared Mr Jackson Clark & Alex. Thomson, &c., Comrs presenting a supplicaon wherein they complain of the preby of Tyrone's having counteracted ye decision of ye Synod 1736, & were for keeping up their erection of Tubbermore. From Tubbermore appeared Saml Fulton, Alex. Black, and several other Comrs. They also presented a supplication pleading their great distance from Maughera meeting-house, several of them being at least eight miles from it, desiring their erection might be continued. After reading said supplicaon the affair was comitted to the following Comittee, viz: Messrs Jas & Jno. Cochran's, Robt. Wirling & Thos Brown, who after conversing with the parties & and the presbytery of Tyrone & seriously considered the whole matter, offered the following overture. 1. That this Synod would be pleased to confirm the erection of Tubbermore & that Moyola River from Newforge bridge to Corrin bridge should be the mearing between Maughera and Tubbermore. The question was put, approve this overture or not, and it carried approve. The parties acquiesced in our sentence and the congregaon of Maughera pursuant to their own desire was annexed to the presby of Colerane. Maughera and Tubbermore.

From ye Malecontents of Drumaul appeared Mr Jno. Nisbet and Jas Sparke, Comrs they presented a supplicaon desiring to be annexed to Mr Semple's congregation. From ye Session and congregaon of Drumaul appeared Mr Henry M'Cullough, Hen. Clarke, &c., Comrs they presented a supplicaon wherein they set forth that many of the malecontents have submitted to Mr Henderson's ministry, & yt ye 27 families now supplicating ought not to be allowed to join to Aghoghle, but should continue settled members of Drumaul & take certificates thence to obtain ordinances at Aghoghill where they may be allowed to hear for ordinary on account of there being very contiguous. The Synod resolved to appoint a comittee to confer with Drumaul Comrs and those of the malcontents report their opinion on ye affair. The members of ye Comittee are Messrs. Livingston, Fraser, McBride, and M'Curdy. They withdrew and conversed with the parties and gave their aggreement in writing. 1. Yt such members of Drumaul as attend publick worship at Aghoghle do pay their acknowledgment to Drumaul according to ye covenant made, when they were allowed certificates to hear at Aghoghle. 2. Yt Mr Semple do allow priviledges to such of 'em as do justice to Mr Henderson according to the above recited covenant, but not to others who fail to do him justice when certificates are given 'em. 3. Yt Mr Henderson do visit & catechize 'em—to all which ye Synod agreed. Malecontents of Drumaul.

A Leet of the following places, Dungannon, Derry, & Antrim, was proposed yt one of them might be fixed for the place of meeting of next Genl Synod. The Roll was called, and the majority of voices was for Antrim, where next Synod is ordered to meet the third Tuesday of June next; Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon. Adjourned to 3 hours post meridiem.

Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 7tim , hora tertia, post meridm June 24 ; *post preces Sedt*

Mrs. Lyton.

The Synod allows Mrs Lyton to have one Shilling and sixpence per annum from each minister of the Genl Synod.

INTERLOQUITUR.

The Clerk proposed the case of Mr Mulligan's children, and inquired whether R.D. shall be allowed them ; the Brethren were of opinion since it was not allowed Mr Teath's children who were in very necessitous circumstances it ought not to be allowed them whose circumstances are pretty good ; some observed that the Synod's rule related only to ministers' widows.

Address.

Mr Lang and Mr Johnston are order'd to write to our Brethren in Dublin who belong to ye Synod, that that Genl Synod allows them in our name to address the Lord Lieutenant upon his arrival, and if they find it convenient to give a modest hint concerning the S : T :

Concluded with prayer.

GEO. LANG, C.S. G.

8ber 4th, 1737.

[RULES OF PROCEDURE IN JUDICATORIES.]

At a General Synod in Antrim, June, 1702.

RULES TO BE OBSERVED IN OUR JUDICATORIES.

I. Rule.—No member offering his mind to the Synod shall direct his discourse to any but to the Mod[r].

II.—No member to move any new buisienes till the affair under consideration be issued, or by resolution of the Synod delayed.

III.—No member who has spoken once upon a subject in the Synod shall have leave to speak again on said subject till members who have not spoke thereon shall be heard, if they desire it; after which the member that spake first may proceed.

IV.—That there be no whisperings or private conferences to the interruption of the Synod, but that all attend the present business in hand.

V.—No affair brought before this Synod by Com[rs] be debated by members till the Com[rs] be sent out.

VI.—All the members of this Synod carry themselves gravely free of passion without reflection.

VII.—The members in speaking to such affairs as come before them, be as brief as conveniently may be.

VIII.—None of the members depart the Synod, or go out while it is sitting, without leave obtained.

IX.—The Mod[r] to take care that these Rules be duely observed, and reprove those that transgress them.

Considering that it's in the name and by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ that the Judicatories are assembled to attend on the affairs of His house, there must be very much hainous guilt contracted, and it must amount to no less than taking of that tremendous Name of His in vain where there is an accustomary and open violation of the Known Rules appointed for preserving the order and decency of meetings which are constituted in the name and by the authority aforesaid, the words of our blessed Lord (Matt. 18: 20), "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there

am I in the midst of them;" these words being undoubtedly directed to Church Judicatories, they carry not only a gracious promise of His countenance and assistance to such Assemblies, but also a solemn certification concerning His awfull presence in the midst of them, on purpose to aw all that are present and concerned in these Judicatories unto the utmost reverence, gravity, and circumspection in their whole behavior during their whole attendance on them, so that to take the same liberty at such meetings (which might be taken with little or no offence in common conversation) of jesting, promiscuous speaking, &c., must at least be amongst the greatest indecencies, especially in them who ought to be examples of prudence to others, also of humility and orderliness; and with all, we judge it matter of heavy Lamentation that by a notorious neglect of the Rules for order and decency at former occasions of this nature, our adversaries have been hardened into a greater dislike and contempt of our Principles relating to Church Government, and these who are better affected toward our constitution have been very much humbled and grieved by observing the lustre and and authority of Church Judicatories to be in effect undone by the very constituent members of these Assemblies. Every person is to declare expressly his opinion of the above Rules, and is to come under an engagement to observe that; in case any trangress, they may judge themselves worthy of a censure.

A General Synod at Antrim, 20th June, 1738.

Mr Jas White, Modr of ye preceding Synod, opened this by preaching from 2 Cor. ii. 16, & constituted it by prayer.

post preces sedt.

Ministers.	Elders.
Strabane Presby.	
Victor Ferguson	Jas Knox
Andr Welsh	
Colerane Presby.	
Charl. Lynd	Mr Isaac Todd
Robt. Wirling	Mr Saml. Hogg
Robt. M'Bride	Mr Jno. Henry
Jno. Cochran.	Jas. White
Fran. Ross	Mr Saml. Buys
Jno. Hill	Robt. Gilchrist
Jas. M'Creight	Mr Gawin Steele
Davd Smyly	Wm Montgomery
Jas. M'Curdy	Mr Jas. Craford
Jno. Semple	Wm Greer
Jas. Cochran	Robt. Brown
Robt. Brown	Jno. Stirling
Dublin Presby.	
Hugh Henry	
Monaghan Presby.	
Bapt. Boyd	
Saml. Hemphill	Peter Millar
Jno. Carlile	
Jas. Hamilton	
Bangor Presby.	
Jas. Stuart	
Charl. Masterton	Mr Jno. Brown
Fran. Montgomery	Jas. Gordon
Jas. Cochran	Wm Warnock
Robt. Coningham	
Willm Smith.	Mr Matth. Russel
Andr Malcom	Robt. M'Conchy
Jas. Mackay	Jno. Taggart
Jas. Maxl. Stuart	
Robt. Gaudy	Wm Irwin
Jas. M'Cullough.	Mr Jno. Orre
Killileagh Presby.	
Hugh Williamson	
Thos. Scott	

Ministers.	Elders.
Tyrone Presby.	
Thos. Kennedy	Thos. Greer
Hugh Wallace	Mr Jno. Gevan
Jno. Kennedy	Willm Woods
Robt. Stuart	
Jno. Gibson	Saml. Martin
Charl. Caldwell	Jas. Robinson
Willm Rae	Jas. Alexander
Letterkenny Preby	
Saml. Dunlop	
Jno. Holmes	
Luke Ashe	Geo. Dunlop
Wm Wilson	
Derry Presby.	
Andr Ferguson	
David Harvey	
Jno. Montgomery	
Templpatrick Presby.	
Jas. Cobham	Jno. Steele
Alexr. Brown	Jno. Montgomery
Wm. Livingston	Paul Brown
Wm. Patten	Wm Mitchell
Jas. Whyte	Jas. Kinnin
Jas. Fraser	Robt. Lockhart
Tim. White	Robt. Blakely
Wm. Thomson	Mr Jno. M'Cullogh
Jno. Hastings	Wm. Maxwell
Thos. Craford	Danl. McLewer
Willm Holmes	Wm. M'Conchy
Jno. Moorhead	
Jno. Thomson	Jas. Hughes
Thos. Brown	Jno. Reiley
Robt. Leathes	Charles Pollock
Jno. Brown	Hugh Watson
Jno. M'Connell	Thos. Hunter

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Armagh Presby.			
Geo. Lang	Robt. M'Camon		
Gilbt. Kennedy	Wm M'Kee		
Archd. Maclaine			
Jno. Menagh	Josias Geddis		
Geo. Cherry	Christ. Hellem		
Jas. Allen	Jas. Finny		
Willm Dick	Hugh Hamilton		
Robt. Thomson	Alexr Porter		
Jno. Maxwell	Robt. Ball		
Thos. Crighton	Mr Wm Moore.		
Jas. Moody	Hugh Magill		

Synod Moderator and Clerk.

The Modr desiring a New Modr might be chosen to preside in this Synod proposed a Leet of ye following Brethren viz: Messrs. Saml Hemphill, Bapt. Boyd, Jon Cochran, Robt Wirling, Vict. Ferguson, Jon Kennedy Wallace, Fraser & Hennery that one of 'em might be chosen. The Roll was called and Mr. Jon Cochran was chosen & Geo. Lang continued Clerk. It was moved and agreed to that to prevent spending time in takeing account in the Synod of such minrs as have died, been ordained and of such as have been Licensed to preach or Entered or designed to be Entered upon Tryals for the ministery since last meeting of the Synod and also ye members of ye several Committees of overtures, Bills Books and Funds and ye General Synods fixed Comittee; that the several presbrys do meet after conclusion of this session and draw up in writing of the members of sd comittees and of such as have died or been oeen ordained &c; and send the same to the Clerk of this Synod, who is hereby ordered to have accounts of all the above particulars ready at the begining of the next sederunt.

Overture

Ordered that all the members of this Synod do meet for prayer at 7 tomorrow morning and continue to 9 and the Synod at 10. Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 2da Die Mercurii. Hora decima, ante meridm.

Some presbyterys made returns according to the order of last night others in the Synod when met.

Ordained.

The Presby of Strabane report that Mr Macbeth was ordained 22d December but no account of his subscription or where fixed. Colerane Presby report that Mr Jas Cochran was ordained at Connor February 14th & Mr Robt Brown at Romoan June 6th and that they subscribed the Confession of Faith according to the Genl Synod's formula also that Mr Robt Porter died June 13th. The Presby of Monaghan report that they have Licensed Mr David Hutchison but give no account of his subscription.

Licensed since last Synod.

Presby of Tyrone report that they have Installed Mr Gibson 11th January, but give no account to what congregation, and that they ordained Mr Caldwell May 16th and Mr Rae May 17th but no account to what congregaōns or whether they subscribed. Presby of Armagh report that Mr Alexander Reid died 19th of November and that they have Mr Haslem on first Tryalls. Bangor Presby report that Mr Seaton died August 27th and Mr Jas Moor March 22nd, and that they have Licensed to preach Mr Thos McCrackan, but give no account of his subscribing. Presby of Colerane farther report that Mr Robt Knox who had passed his 2d Tryals in order to his being ordained at Maughra died May 15th, and that Messrs Samuel Thomson and Samuel Dunlop Probaōners went to America in Summer, 1737, and that they have Licensed Messrs Jas White and Thos Boyle who both have subscribed according to order, also Messrs Jas Howie and Jas Kean are Entered on first Tryalls. Ordained Installed.

The Comittie of Funds haveing neglected to order Localities for Holywood are ordered now to do it in the first place.

This Synod's fixed Comittie according to the returns of the several Presbtrys being almost the same as last year is to consist of Strabane Presby: Messrs Jas Smith and Walsh, Jas Knox, Elder; Colerane Presby, Messrs Jas Cochran and David Smylie, Mr John Henry, Elder; Letterkenny, Messrs David Fairly and Luke Ashe, Mr Jon Laird, Elder; Killyleagh, Messrs Jas Reid and Gilbert Kennedy, Mr Charles Johnston, Elder; Monaghan, Messrs Jon Carlile and Mr Ambrose, Francis Scot, Elder; Armagh Presby, Messrs Archibald Maclain and Jon Maxwel, Mr. Joseph John Steen, Elder; Templepatrick, Messrs Jas Fraser and Jas White, Mr Henry Magill, Elder; Tyrone, Messrs Jon Kennedy and Robt Thomson, Mr Will. Agnew, Elder; Bangor: Messrs Robt Coningham and Robt Gauden [Gaudy]. Mr Nathanel Wilson, Elder. Derry Presby: Messrs Andrew Ferguson and David Harvey, Mr Nathaniel Alexander, Elder. Synod's Fixed Comittee.

These with our Modr and Clerk are ordered to meet at Dungannon when called by our Modr, an any emergent, 15 of them to be a quorum whereof at least 12 to be minrs.

Some minrs now present gave excuses which were accepted for their absence last year. Absents from this Synod and excused are Messrs Jas Maxwel, McCrackan, Neil, Iredell, Craghead, Alexander McMaster, Humphry Thomson, Fleming, Dean, Glasgow, Maccleve, Drummond, Laird, Jon Harvey, Sterling, Murray, excused. Absents excused.

Ninian Cochran, Nathaniel Orre, Shannon Smith of Ballee, Fergy, Johnston, Gordon, King and Letch not excused. Donaldson Hemphill Jas Smith, Jas Thomson, Robt Knox Jon Orre Jon Thomson, Willm Hair, Plunket, Thos Maclain, Allgeo, Ambrose, McKee, Carson, Clark, Robt Thomson, Jas Orre, Sharp, Ball, Boyd, Fairly, Vance, McGachin, Strawbridge, Bond, Dickson, Reid, Kennedy, McColm. Not excused.

The Synod finding that none of the Presbytries except those of Bangor, Killyleagh, and Templepatrick have contributed towards the relief of Mr Dalrymple, doth now earnestly recom-

mend it to the rest of the presbytries that at their first meeting they consider his case. Collectors now appointed are Messrs Victor Ferguson for Strabane, Smylie for Rout, M^{r} McMaster for Dublin, Bap^{t} Boyd for Monaghan, Robt Stuart for Tyrone, Samuel Dunlop for Letterkenney, David Harvey for Derry, Allen for Armagh, Jo^{n} Thomson for Templepatrick, Mr Ja^{s} White is ordered to writte to Mr Robt McMaster about him the money to be sent to Mr Masterton before the first of 7ber next.

Dumfanaghy.

Now reported that Dumfanaghy has received only 10 Shills. of the fund.

Resolved that the Comittee of Funds do this afternoon review their orders of last year and make report to the Synod to-morrow morning.

The collectors for the fund ordered by last Synod were now called to account and it appears they have used due diligence.

Next Synod is now ordered to be at Dungannon on the 3^{d} Tuesday of June next Sermon to begin at 5, o'clock after noon. Adjournod to 5 in the evening the comittes to meet at 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 3 ^{tia}. Die Mercurij hora 5^{a} Post Merid^{m} post preces sed^{t}

Synod books approved.

The Revisers of the Synod's Books has made report that they approve all of 'em, viz, the Book of Derry Synod, ye Book of Armagh, and the Book of Bellfast and so doth this Synod they were signed by the Mod^{r} and Clerk.

Castledawson.

Mr Thos Kennedy of Tyrone Presby reports that Castledawson had not submitted to the decision of Last Genl Synod in their affair and now came to complain of it. From Castledawson appeared John and Andrew Mortons, Jo^{n} Dicky, &c., Comiss^{rs}. They presented a supplication wherein after a long detail of their affairs and loud complaints of the Synod and their Bretheren of Maughrefelt, desired that they may be erected into a distinct congregation, refusing to joyn with Maughrefelt.

Maughrefelt.

From Maughrefelt appeared Robt Rainey, Robt Boyd, William Johnston, &c, Commiss^{rs}, presenting a supplication wherein they sett forth that when Mr Wallace had been hindered to preach at Castledawson they had invited him to preach at their Meeting house; had incouraged him and payed his Stipend Quarterly and were willing to pa him £37 ℔ ann: the 50 families which formerly did belong to Menymore were allowed to join with them. Also a supplication from s^{d} families wherein they desire to be Joyned with Maughrefelt was read.

50 families.

Meneymore Com^{r}

Appeared from Meneymore Jo^{n} Kidd, Comm^{r}, he presented a supplication wherein they claim a right to s^{d} 50 families and desire that the former bounds of their congregation be preserved intire.

Castledawson.

Mr Wallace.

The Comm^{rs} of Castledawson were heard and offering some things which seemed to bear hard on Mr Wallace, he then spoke at good length in his own defence and vindication. The Commis^{rs} complained that Maughrefelt people had enticed diverse of their people to joyn them which

the others denyed and offered in case Castledawson should be erected to leave settling the limits betwixt them to Tyrone Presby.

Then the Commiss^rs from the 50 families and Monymore were heard and all parties being fully heard were removed. The Presby of Tyrone were desired to wave their priviledge and remove also, which they did: Then the Synod proceeded to consider the affair very deliberatly and many members reasoned upon it at great length. The Synod upon mature considerāon came to the following Resolutons :— Maughryfelt heard. Decision.

1.—That the 50 families of Meneymore should be annexed to Maughrefelt. Resoluons.

2.—That Maughrefelt be erected into a congregation.

3 —That Mr Wallace be Pastor thereof.

4.—That it appears to this Synod that some persons belonging to Castledawson did behave themselves in a irregular and insolent manner toward their Pastor.

5.—That the Presby be appointed to supplie ye people of Castledawson, as oft as possibly they can, at their meeting-house to Next Genl Synod, also that they pay all arrears to Mr Wallace and the 50 families all arrears due to Meneymore.

The Question was put approve all s^d resolutions? The roll was called, and it was carried approve, *nemine contradicente*.—The parties were called and our sentence read to them.

Adjourned to 9 *mane*. Ye Comittees to meet at 7.

Concluded with prayer.

Sessio IV^ta 9 *mane*. *Die Jovis*. June 22^d. *post preces Sed^t*

The Synod renews their recommendaōn to the congregations which have not yet contributed a day's collection with previous intimaōn toward building the meeting-house of Moyra, that they may make such collections with all speed that so some members of the congregaōn, who have expended a great deal of money for erecting a convenient & hansom house for God's worship, may be indemnified. Moyra Meeting-house.

Pursuant to the order of yesterday, the Comittees of Funds now reported their review of last year's Minutes & Orders. They provided Localities for Holywood, which the Clerk signed to, as also those of Moywater, Sligo, Castleblayney, Dumfanaghy, Oldcastle, all which are returned by the Comittee. And whereas, the Localities of Dumfanaghy cann't be depended on, it was overtured and agreed to that each of the Presbys at their first meeting do ask of their members voluntary contributions to support poor Dumfanaghy and the Clerks, every Presby are hereby desired to take the subscriptions and collect ye money. Dumfanaghay

A very kind and pressing letter to the Synod from the R^t Honble. Ld Blayney was now delivered to the Synod, desireing the Synod's Castleblayny.

effectually supporting Mr Hemphill and preventing his leaving that congregation. The Synod took into its serious consideration the state of Castleblayney, ordered the Comittee of Funds to restore to it a Localitie on Tullycorbet Congregation, which pays £1 : 16 : 0, and to provide other Localities for Oldcastle; also for Castleblayney 40 shills. from Donaghadee; from Keddy, £1 : 4 : 0; which with £1 from Ld Castleblayney, makes the sum of £6, which Mr Hemphill will be satisfied with. Messrs Harvy, Patten, and Maxwel are ordered to bring in a draught of a letter to his Lordship. This was done, and the letter signed by ye Mod^r^.

23 Families.

23 Twenty-three families of Monymore Congregation now supplicated ye Synod that they may be allowed to joyn themselves to other congregations, they scrupling to submitt to Mr Caldwell's ministry, they haveing not joyned in calling him, and ill-used by their neighbours, who called him. They were heard, as also the Commiss^r^ from Monymore. The Synod, after consideraõn & reasoning, resolved that Mr Caldwell visit and converse with s^d^ people, and endeavour to remove their scruples before Next Genl Synod; and yet, in the meantime, they may have ordinances from other mini^rs^, upon certificats from Mr Caldwell when at home, and in his absence from an elder. This was agreed to *nemine contradicente.*

Resoluõn.

Castledawson.

Castledawson, now requesting to have constant supplies, their desire was granted, It was recommended to the Presby for that end, to invite suppliers from Colerane Presby when there is occasion, and also to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, if desired by s^d^ people.

Donaghedy.

A paper from Donagedy congregaon ordered to be inserted in our minutes now delivered to the Clerk and is as follows: Whereas by a sentence of the Sub-Synod of Derry Messrs Jno. Hair and David Walker are now laid aside from being candidates for the ministry in that congregaon there being a party for each of them which was likely to make great divisions in that place and the Commiss^rs^ from parties here at this Synod desiring peace and mutual agreement among themselves proposed to the Synod that with the assistance of the Rev^d^ M^r^ M^c^Bride and Mr Thos Kennedy their agreement might be drawn up in certain articles and laid before the Synod and engrossed in their minutes. The Synod aggreed to the same and the articles of their aggreement are as follows:—

Art. 1st

1st We submit and aggree to the sentence of ye Revd Synod of Derry in laying aside these two Gentlemen, viz: Mr Hair and Mr Walker.

Art. 2nd

2dly As we very much bewail the differences that have been formerly amonge us, so we the Commiss^rs^ of both parties resolve for the future to guard against propossing any person for our pastor which may occasion the renewing of our differences & that we will conduct ourselves by the advice and concurrance of our Revd^d^ Presby of Derry.

Art 3rd

3dly Tho we aggree to lay aside ye aforesd Gent^m^ we do not mean to refuse them to supplie us occasionally as the prudence of the Presby

shall direct, hoping they'l take care not to appoint either of them if there appear any ill consequence thereof and that no probationer perticularly be desired to supplie ye congregaon of Donaghedy but by the publick aggreement and consent of the same or the major part thereof according to the rules of the Synod in such cases provided. Subscribed and aggreed to Antrim, June 21 : 1738, by us Commiss^{rs} Willm Hamilton, Jno. Walker, Jno. Nesbet, Jno. Leslie, Jno. Orre, Willm Deniston, Charles Pollock, in presence of Thos Kennedy and Robt McBride.

The congregation of Londonderry by their Commiss^{r} Mr Moor desired they might be allowed some probationers to assist their pastor such as they shall desire from time to time. This was granted and at the desire of the Commiss^{r}, Mr Ferguson, of Bangor Presby, is ordered for the month of July. Adjourned to 4 *post merid^{m}*. Ye comittes to meet at 3. Londonderry affair.

Concluded with prayer.

Sessio V^{ta} hora 4ta, post meridiem Die Jovis post preces Sed^{t} &c.

At the desire of Monymore Commiss^{r} ye Synod declares that the 50 families oft already mentioned are to be understood of the inhabitants of the 5 towns most contiguous to Maugherafelt or elsewhere without sd towns who did not joyn in calling Mr Caldwell and who were excepted from the poll last year.

The Synod farther allowed to L'Derry that in case of any extraordinary difficultie in getting a Colleague in that congregaon that the Genl Synod's fixed Comittee be called by our Mod^{r}, to determine the affair and to meet at Dungannon.

But withall ye Synod expects that the congregaon will proceed in this affair according to Rules usuall in such cases that is that two thirds for such Colleague rccording to ye Genl Synod's Rule in electing of min^{rs}.

The Presby of Armagh moved that a Probaoner of theirs, viz : Mr Richard Aprichard had excepted against subscribing some Propoōns of our Confession of Faith and that the Presby had in pursuant to an Act of the Genl Synod of 1725 referred the affair to be judged by this Synod. The Presby minute of reference was read, Mr Aprichard was called to be asked whither he owned the record of the Presby to be genuine and if [he] had any farther scruples but this was opposed. Some being for his giveing in his scruples to the Presby of Armagh in order to their being transmitted to the Presbys (which has not been done) others were for his giveing them in in writting to the Synod in order to their being now considered. The Qust^{n} was put whither we should receive and consider them now, or whither they should be transmitted to the Presbys, ye state of the vote was consider now or transmitt? The Roll was called & it carried transmitt by a great majority which voted transmitt upon this ground that the Synod's Act

had not been observed in sending an account of the scruples to the several Presbys which the Presby of Armagh did not remember was incumbent upon them to do. Mr Aprichard is ordered to give in his scruples again with the ground of them at next meeting of ye Preby of Armagh, July ye 18th. Adjourned to 8 *mane*. Comittes to meet at 7. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio VI^{ta} 8^{a} mane. Die Veneris. June 23 : *post preces sed^{t} &c.*

From part of Drumaul Congregāon appeared Comm^{rs} Jo^{n} Nisbet Willm Wining, &c., they presented a supplicāon desiring to be disanexed from Drumaul and annexed to Aghogle Congregāon. They aledge several Reasons contained in their supplicāon. The Commisrs were heard as also Mr Henderson who said that had his Congregāon been aprized that they might have sent Commiss^{rs} they would have made the matter easy. He generously offered that if the above malecontents should pay one half of what was due to Drumaul that is 3 years stipend they should be allowed during his ministry to join to Aghoghle to which they aggreed. He added that unless they should pay ye 3 years stipend the matter should rest as it was and the minutes of last Synod be observed which the Synod judged reasonable. The names of s^{d} people are as follows, viz. :—Ja^{s} Walker, Ja^{s} Ker, Ja^{s} Bankhead, Thos Doel, Jo^{n} Wallace, Mor^{t} Gallaway, Hugh Reny, Willm Gallaway, Christy Nelson, Saml Thomson, Robt Adair, Jos. Thomson, Robt Lyamon, Ja^{s} Henderson, Saml Agnue, Jno. Hillis, Jno. Forbes, Jas. Winning, Steph^{n} Harper, Alexr. Muron, Jno. Marshall, Jno. Thomson, Willm Carson, Jas. Craig, Jas. Gillespie, And^{r} Clerk, Jas. Montgomery, Jas. Willson, heads of families : and young people Adam Glass. Jno. Ker, Jno. Nisbet, Samuel Stuart, Jno. Stuart, Saml Wilson, Jno. Wilson, Jas. Lemon, Willm Craig, William Anderwood, Alex. Dumbar, William Graham.

Mr Wiriing.

Our Bro^{r} Mr Wirling presented a supplicaon in which he represents that he is injured by the congregaon of Kileade in detaining part of arrears of stipend due to him by bonds, lodged in the hands of Mr Brown as clerk of T.patrick presby before the ordination of Mr Scot and M^{r} M'Connel which bonds were to be returned if the debt was not payed. Mr Wirling and ye Presby were heard at some length. He also pleaded that he had delivered to Mr Brown the Lease of the farm with this express condition not to deliver it up to any person without his (Mr Wirling's) consent. The Synod considered the affair and was of oppinion that Mr Wirling is much injured. It was proposed and aggreed to that the Presby of T.patrick do call before them ye parties, viz : Mr Wirling and the people of Kilade and oblidge the people either to pay him his money or Return all his securities otherwise to pay him themselves and if upon inquiry they find it proper to write to Mr Henery and acquaint him that he has not been well informed as to wastes sd to be made by Mr Wirling.

Arthur Alexander's Appeal.

Here appeared Arthur Alexander of T.patrick prosecuting an appeal from the Presby of T.Patrick. His supplicaon to the Presby was read wherein he compleans of Mr Livingston refusing him a

certificate to leave the congregation. The reasons of the appeal and the Presby's minutes were read and the Synod came to judge *an bene* or *male appellatum*. It carried *male appellatum, nemine contradicente.*

Then the Synod proceeded to the merits of the cause to consider the particulars of a Libell offered by Arthur Alexander against Mr Livingston and resolved that it doth not appear that Mr Livingston had absolutly refused to any person (tho some had been delayed for some time) the priviledge of Baptism to his child or excluded any from the Lord's Supper for non-payment of Stipend, and as far as has appeared before us he is justified from the charge and his character stands fair and unblemished. Resolved 2 : That it appears that Arthur Alexander has used many indecent expressions against the Presby and particularly against Mr Livingston and charged him with some things he has not proved and that he ought to be admonished for his rashness. The parties were called and our minute read to them and Arthur Alexander was admonished by the Modr.

Interloquitur 1st June 22d.

Moved that Mr Jos. C——l haveing showed sincere repentance for his adultery & lived a holy life ever since his fall, ought to be restored to the exercise of his ministery, tho not in his former charge. The Brethren considered his case & the inexpediency of restoring him particularly the reflections on our profession by those of other persuasions; and that there could be little prospect of his being usefull in this church, tho they have a great deal of charity for him, as a penitent and good Christian yet for these and other causes can't have a thought of restoring him to ye excercise of ye Ministry. 1st.

The Interloquitor sent two Minrs to intimate our Resolution to him, and he humbly acquiesced. 2d Interloqr June 23.

The Clerk proposed the case of Mr Jno. Montgomery late of Malin who hath no congregation and as some judge ought not receive R : D : specially considering that his circumstances are very good. The Brethren were of oppinion he ought to enjoy it to next Genl Synod but not for ye year past.

The Clerk of the Synod moved also in favour of Mrs Rainey of Newery that she should be allowed R : D : her son being now abroad and liveing at a great charge. The Interloquitur was of oppinion that she ought not to have it more than Mrs Ross of Derry and other widows in good circumstances.

GEO. LANG, C. S. G.

A General Synod at Dungannon, 19th *June*, 1739.

Mr Jno Cochran Modr of ye preceding Synod opened this Synod by preaching from Rom. 2: 21, and constituted it by prayer.

Post preces Sedt :—

Ministers.	Elders.
Colerane Presby.	
Charl. Lynd	Matth Longwill
Robt McBride	Hu. Hamilton
Jno Cochran	Mr Alex Cuming
Robt Knox	Matth. Jack
Jno. Orre	Mr Thos Boyle
Jno. Hill	Thos Simson
Jno. Thomson	Jas. Watt
Jas. McCreight	Jas. Cochran
Jas. Cochran	Jas. McGilwane
Robt Brown	
Tyrone Presby.	
Thos Kennedy	Mr Jas. McMullan
Jno. McCleve	Robt Edmund
Hugh Wallace	Adam Wilson
Jno. Kennedy	Jas. Stirling
Robt Stuart	James Anderson
Jas. Orre	Thos Gilpin
Jno. Gibson	Nathl Maccleve
Hugh Sharpe	Jas. Dick
Charl. Caldwell	Mr Jno. Brown
Willm Rae	Robt Sinclar
Bangor Presby.	
Charl. Masterton	
Robt Coningham	
And Malcom	Jas. Wilson
Wm Smith	Jas. McFerrin
Jas. McCullough	Geo. Knox
Saml Sims	
Armagh Presby.	
Geo. Lang	Jno. McKibbin
Gilbt. Kennedy	Saml Kerr
Arch. Maclaine	
Jno. Menagh	Robt Clark
Geo. Cherry	Jno Moody
Jas. Allen	Jno. Finny
Jno. King	Thos Dingan
Wm Dick	Nathl Greer
Robt Thomson	Jas. Barber
Jno. Maxwell	Mr Jos Johnston
Jas. Moody	

Ministers.	Elders.
Dublin Presby.	
Hugh Henry	
Robt McMaster	Mr Hu. Wallace
Monaghan Presby	
Bapt Boyd	Jno. Warnock
Alexr Fleming	Andr Todd
Willm Hair	Jno. Gray
Patr Plunket	Jno. Murdagh
Thos Maclaine	Thos Nisbet
Andr Dean	
Jno. Carlile	
Jas. Bond	
Nathl Glasgow	Hugh Young
Jas. Hamilton	
Willm Ambrose	Jno. Knox
Geo. Carson	
Derry Presby.	
Jno. Sterling	Mr Wm Callendar
Davd Harvey	
Thos Bond	
Jno. Montgomery	
Killyleagh Presby	
Thos Scott	
Alexr McColm	
Templepatrick Presby.	
Jas. Cobham	Jno. Moore
Alexr Brown	Robt Gamble
Robt Hignibthom	
Willm Patten	Wm Carlile
Tim White	Geo. Taggart
Wm Thomson	Jno. Smyly
Jno. Hastings	
Jno. Moorhead	Thos Steele
Jas. Brown	Jno. Gaston
Jno. M'Connel	
Letterkenny Preb.	
Sam. Dunlop	Davd Edmonston

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
		Wm Boyd	Matth. Scott
Straban Presby.		David Fairly	
		Jno. Holmes	
Nehem. Donaldson		Luke Ashe	
Victor Ferguson			
Jas. Hemphill			
Andr Welsh	Wm Craford		
Willm Macbeth			

The Modr Desiring a New Modr might be chosen proposed a Leet of ye following Minrs, viz., Messrs Baptt Boyd, Victr Ferguson, Jno Kennedy, David Fairly, Robt McMaster & Thos Maclaine. Modr & Clerk Chosen.

The Roll was called & Mr McMaster was chosen by a Great Majority, & Geo Lang continued Clk *nemine contradicente.*

Ordered that ye several Presbys do this night or ye morrow morning make returns of their members for the several Comittees of Overtures, Bills, Sub-Synod Books, Funds, and ye Genl Synod's Fixed Committee with the names of such Minrs as have died or been ordained since last Synod; also of such as have been Licensed to preach or are upon Tryals or designed to be entered on Tryals. Comittees ordered.

Ordered that all ye Minrs of this Synod do meet for prayer at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning and continue in it to 9: when the Interloquitr is to meet and the Synod at 10. Prayer ordered

Sessio 2da. hora xma June 20th post preces Sedt

The Minutes of the Interloqr relating to R.D. inserted afterwards.

A Comittee to prepare Mr Moody's affair referr'd to this Synod by Armagh Presby was appointed in ye Interloqr consisting of Messrs. Masterton, Cobham, Brown, Thos Kennedy, Thos Maclain, George Lang, David Harvey, Lynd, Dunlop, Victr Ferguson and Wallace, which with ye Modr are to meet at 3 o'clock afternoon.

The time appointed was spent in prayer.

Some Presbys made their returns according to ye order of Last Night and some now in ye Synod. The several Comittees for Overtures, Bills, Books and Funds are to meet at their respective places at 3 o'clock *post meridm* and the Synod at 5.

The Presby of Rout report that since last Synod that they have Licensed Messrs Jas Huey and Jas M'Kean and have entered on Tryals Messrs Adam Blair and Jas Rainey.

Presby of T.pattrick report that Mr Willm Leech died ye 10 of Septr last and that they have ordained Mr Jno Leason ye 20th of December but give no acctt to what congregaon nor whither he subscribed the Confession of Faith and that they have entered on First Tryals Mr Willm Thomson. Mr Leech Dead. Mr Leason ordd.

Tryals.

Londonderry Presby report that they have entered on second Tryals Mr David Walker and on first Tyrals Messrs Jno. Loage and Jno. Steele.

Dead.

The Presby of Tyrone report that Mr Robt Thomson died ye 5th of June Instt.

Tryals. Ordained.

Bangor Presby report that Mr Alexander Hamilton died the 11th of Febry last and Mr Archd Dickson about ye beginning of March and Mr Jas Cochran died about ye end of sd month, that they have entered Mr Crooks on first Tryals also that they ordained Mr Jas Smith at Newtown ye 10th of April and Mr Saml Sims at Annahilt ye 18th of June Instt but gave no account of their subscriptions.

Killileagh Presby report that they have entered on Tryals Mr Willm Rowan.

The Presby of Armagh report that they have Licensed to preach Mr Charles Haslem and that he subscribed the Confession of Faith according to order.

Members for Genl Synod's fixed Comittees.

The Members returned for ye Genl Synod's Fixed Comittee are for Tyrone Presby Messrs Thos. and Jno. Kennedy and Mr Jas. McMullan, Elder; for Letterkenny, Messrs Fairly and Ashe, Mr Jno. Laird, Elder; for Armagh Messrs Maclain and Maxwell, Mr Jos. Johnston, Elder; for Colerane, Messrs Jno. Cochran and Robt Brown, Mr Jno. Henery, Elder; for T. Patrick Presby Messrs Fraser and Jas. White, Mr Henry Magill, Elder; for Bangor, Messrs Cunningham and Willm Smith, Mr Nathl Wilson, Elder; for Derry Presby Messrs Andw Ferguson, and David Harvey, Mr Nathl Alexander, Elder; for Strabane, Messrs Jos. Hemphill and Macbeth, Jas. Knox, Elder.

These with our Modr and Clerk are ordered to meet at Dungannon when called by our Modr on any emergent 15 of whom to be a Quorum of which at least 12 to be Minrs.

Absents excused.

Absent from this Synod and excused are Messrs Neil, Jas. Thomson, Ross, Alexander, McKee, Clarke, Drumond Ball, Laird, Wilson, Jno. Harvey, Thos Harvey, Strawbridge, Murray, Ninan Cochran, Willm Cuningham, Andw Ferguson, Jas. Stuart, Francis Montgomery, Jas. Maxwell Stuart, Jas. Smith, Shannon, Reid, Willm Smith, Alexandr Maclaine, Johnston, Craighton, Fraser, Jno. Thomson, Henderson, Jas. Maxwell, McCrackan

Not excused.

Not excused are Messrs Wirling, McKurdy, Semple, Sall Hemphill, Algoe, Vance, Lyel, Nathanl Orre, Mackay, Williamson, Fergy, Gilbert Kennedy Junr, Gordon, Jas. White, Jas. Smith of Strabane Presby.

Mr Dalrimple.

Reported that nothing hath been done in the Sub-Synods of Armagh and Derry for the relief of Mr Dalrimple ye order of last Synod in relation to him is now renewed and it is recommended to ye Minrs present to give what they can others promised to pay at next Synod which is now aggreed *nemine contradicente.*

Shall meet here at Dungannon ye 3d Tuesday of June next. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon. Next Meeting of Synod.

The Presby of Tyrone report that they have erected Castledawson into a congregaon but that neither the people of Castledawson nor ye 50 families formerly of Monymore have payed their arears. Castledawson Erected.

The Synod enjoins ye Presby of Tyrone to see that sd arears be payed these of Castledawson before they be allowed to call a Minr & those of the 50 families before they be allowed priviledges.

The appoinment of last Synod in relation to Drumfanaghy is now renewed and the Clerks of the several presbys desired to take care of ye affair. Drumfanaghy.

A supplication from Loughgall was read and referred to afterwards.

Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 3tia hora 5ta post meridm.

From the Congregaon of Caple Street in Dublin appeared Commissrs Messrs Frans Cunningham and Willm Simson. They expressed their gratitude for ye care had been taken for supplying their congregon since ye death of their Pastors. They now supplicated that ye Synod might allow them such supplies as they shall apply for to ye several Presbys (which constitute this Synod) from time to time. This was granted *nemine contradicente*, always provided care be taken to give timely notice to ye Presbys so the suppliers may have time to prepare for their journey. Caple Street desires Supplies. Granted

The Presby of Dublin having made no return ye Clerk now returns for them that Mr Craghead died July 31, 1738 and Mr Iredell the 31 of Janry following. Messrs. Craghead & Iredell Dead.

From that part of Mourne that meets at ye New meeting-house appeared Commissrs Jas. Atchison and Saml McMaghon. They presented a supplication in which they desire supplies may be allowed them by the Presby of Armagh in their own house. The consideration of wh is delayed for some time. Mourne.

Appeared from part of Monymore Willm Lang and Jno. Steele Commissrs. They plead that they can't in conscience submitt to Mr Caldwell's ministry and pray that they may be allowed to joyn to other congregaons according to the Rules of this Church in such cases. This affair is also delayed to another session. Monymore.

From Breachy appeared Messrs. Boyd and Armstrong supplicating for the continuance of a double portion of R.D. to their pastor when fixed amongst them. The Synod seriously considered their desire and in consideration of ye circumstances of their congregaon did unanimously grant it. This to be understood of ye ordinary R.D. only. Breachy

From part of Grayabby viz. of ye 10 towns appeared Willm Warnock and Jas. Ganan, Commissrs, prosecuting an appeal from a sentence of ye Revd Presby of Bangor refusing to allow them to leave 10 towns of Grayabby.

Newtown and joyn Grayabby congregaon. It was mov'd and aggreed to that in consideration Mr Smith of Newton is now absent and no Comm^rs from Newtown that a Comittee be appointed to decide the affair or delay it to next Genl Synod. The vote was stated a Comittee or delay and it carried a Comittee by a great majority they to consist of 10 Min^rs of T.Patrick Presby, 4 from Killileagh and 4 from Armagh with 3 Elders from T.Patrick, 14 to be a Quorum ; time of meeting is ye first Tuesday of August at Belfast. The Commiss^rs had ye names of the Min^rs from the Clerk [of the] 3 Presbys now named but the Clerk has them not.

Iniskillen.

From Iniskillen appeared Jno. Gray, &c., Commiss^rs. They presented a paper shewing the necessity of haveing their meeting-house built from the foundation and their inability of themselves to do it and earnestly requesting a Synodicall Recommendation to the several congregaons in ye Genl Synod for their assistance. This was granted.

The Comittees ordered to meet at 7 and ye Synod at 9 to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 4ta 9 *mane die* June 21st *post preces Sed*_t *&c.*

Interloq^r 2^d was held before ye Synod's meeting.

Comittee for Mr Moody Report.

The Comittee ordered for Mr Moody's affair report that they had discoursed w^tb him and that he appeared to be very open and candid, that he professed himself to be of subscribing principles and could subscribe whatesoever he believed to be true and desired to live in communion with us.

They read a paper of his in Relation to the power of the magistrate also an explicāon formed by s^d Comittee of the Articles of our Confession Relating to ye magistrates power to suppress Heresies.

And whereas ye Presby of Armagh alledge that some Reports to their disadvantage had been spread concerning their transporting Mr Moody from Magharally to Newry ye Synod did on ye whole resolve that they see no cause to disprove s^d Presbys transporting him to Newry and do allow s^d Presby to install him in Newry when they see fitt according to our known Rules. Also that a member be sent to Newry to preach Sab. come 7 night and read this our minute. The elders were called in and all this imparted to them and approved in the Synod.

Arthur Alexander.

Arthur Alexander of T.Pattrick appeared and desired a dismiss from the Congregaōn of T.Pattrick and be allowed to joyn to Ballyeaston which was granted and that Congregaon desired to receive him.

Comittee for Aprichard's affair their report.

The Comittee ordered to converse with Mr Aprichard report that after conversation with him he gave the following sense of the Articles of the Confession which he scrupled, viz.—concerning the powor of the civil magistrate. Magistrates ought to be Invested with a power to suppress Blasphemies and errors subversive of Religious and Civil Societies.

Concerning the Heathen World.

Christians are only to hope for Eternal Happiness upon Gospel Terms, which are faith in Christ, Repentance and obedience to His Laws, at the same time I know not but God may save some that are not within the Christian Church in a way best known to Himself. Mr Aprichard.

Concerning Regeneration.

Regeneration is absolutely necessary to our pleasing God so as to obtain Eternal happyness.

Concerning Synods and Counsels.

Synods and Counsels have a right to give their opinions concerning controversies of faith and cases of consciences, at the same time their opinions are not binding on ye consciences of others otherwise than they are aggreeable to the Word of God. I am also satisfied that regard is due to the Ministery as it is an ordinance of Christ.

R^d^ Aprichard.

The Comittee appointed for Reviseing ye Books of ye Subsynods of Belfast, Derry and Armagh report that they approve s^d^ Books and they were signed by ye Mod^r^ and Clerk.

Several Breth^n^ moved that a fast should be appointed by this Synod to be observed by all congregãons under our care the last Wednesday of July or some day that week. This was aggreed to *nemine contradicente.*

Messrs. Thos Kennedy, Lynd, &c., were appointed to draw up ye causes of ye fast. Mr Lynd only observed this appointment and delivered a paper to the Clerk but it being not read in the Synod and approved is not inserted here, the causes mentioned were first bad seasons and weather: 2dly, abounding prophanity and wickedness: 3dly, decay of Practical Religion: 4thly, Growth of Errors and unchristian animosities and dissensions: 5thly, the present threatning aspect of affairs and danger of a publick war. Causes of fast.

What was done in the Interloq^r^ in Mr Moody's affair was read in ye publick Synod and approved by a great majority.

The supplicãon of ye few 14 families of Monymore was again read as also a supplicãon of Moneymore congregãon presented by Willm Mc Kee &c. desiring that the Synod may advise s^d^ families being orderly people to continue members of their congregation. The Commiss^rs^ on both sides were heard as also Mr Caldwell then the parties removed and the affair was considered and after some reasoning Resolved that s^d^ few families upon paying arrears due by them to Monymore be allowed their liberty and receive dismisses to joyn themselves to any other congregãons, that is to be understood only of such as has not submitted to Mr Caldwells ministry none of the 14 families to be allowed priviledges untill they take out dismisses, all which was aggreed to *nemine contradicente.* 14 families of Monymore.

Tubbermore.

From Tubbermore were Commiss^{rs} Alex^{r} Black Sam^{el} Moore &c. They presented a supplication which was read. They set forth that some families which ought to joyn with them are detained from them by Maughera They desired they might be allowed to joyn with Tubbermore also a supplication of s^{d} families was read. They desire that whereas they lay on the west side of ye river Moyalo and as for other reasons so particularly on account of their vicinity to joyn to Tubbermore.

The Comittee ordered to meet half an hour past 3: and ye Synod at 4 *post merid^{m}.*

Sessio 5ta. hora 4ta post merid^{m}. die Jovis. post preces Sed^{t} &c.

Min^{rs} Widows.

Whereas it appears that ye small annual pension allowed to some widows was not duely pay'd by many min^{rs} the Synod now recommends it to ye several Presbrys to take more care for ye future to pay what is due to Mrs Tomb, Mrs Sterling, Mrs Drummond and Mrs Thomson children who are now orphans and in low circumstances that no cause of complaint may be for ye future.

Minola in Conaght.

The Inhabitants of Minola and Branagh of our Communion do supplicate this Synod to be erected into a congregāon and put under ye care of some Presby to which they may apply for supplies.

This Synod aggrees that these people shall be under the care of what Presby they please either of Monaghan or Letterkenney which is nearest to them and let the Presby they joyn to erect them if they see fit.

Conference with Mr Aprichard.

Mr Aprichards affair came now before ye Synod Mr Aprichard did distinctly read his scruples with the reasons of them. Then the Mod^{r} at ye desire of some members asked if any Presby or Broth^{r} had committed to writting his thought on the subject of these scruples and ye grounds of them that ye same might now be read. Mr Thos Kennedy owened that he had a paper on the subject which at ye Synods desire he read. Mr Aprichard alledged he was injured by s^{d} paper it fastening some consequents on his Reasons which he did not own and it would not bear.

It was proposed that some Breth^{n} have a Conference with Mr Aprichard this night and to-morrow morning viz: Messrs Cobham, Masterton, Gilbert Kennedy, Sam^{el} Dunlop, Sterling, Lynd, David Harvey to make report to-morrow. Mr. Aprichard desired that Messrs Thos Maclaine and Menagh might be present as witnesses only which was granted him.

Markethill affair.

A reference from ye Presby of Armagh to this Synod relating Markethill congregāon was laid before us and all papers relating thereunto. These who adhere to ye old meeting house desired to be erected into a distinct congregāon and put into a capacity to call a min^{r} to themselves.

They propose 20 men security for £40 and 20: bols of oats per an. to a min^{r}. These who adhere to ye new meeting house also desire to

be erected into a congregāon and propose to give security for £30 : ℔ an. and 15 : boles of oats.

The Synod having seriously considered ye desires and proposals of both these parties did Resolve :—1st That such as did adhere to the old meeting house be erected into a congregāon ; 2dly That these who adhere to the new meeting house be under ye care of ye Presby of Armagh and carefully supplied and when it appears they be in a capacity that they be also erected always provided that the congregāons of Drumbanahar and Clare be not hurt. These Resolutions were unanimously approved. Decision.

Concluded with prayer.

The Synod is appointed to meet at 8 : *mane.*

Sessio 6ta Hora 8va mane, June 22d *Post preces sedt &c.*

Commissrs from threeseveral parties in the Congregāon of Donaghedy now appeared before ye Synod. 1st from a party for calling Mr Armstrong to be their Pastor. Messrs Hugh Hamilton and Jno. Walker Commisssrs who alledged the majority to be on their side. They produced a letter from Willm Hamilton Esq in their favour ; 2ly from a party for calling *M..... Messrs Jon. Hall and Willm Cook were Comrs. They pretended yt they had a majoritie on their side ; 3dly from a third party appeared Mr Jas Hamilton Comr praying that for peaces sake both the candidates may be laid aside. The Comrs of ye several parties were heard and ye minutes of ye Synod of Derry relating Donaghedy affairs were read. After long reasoning it was proposed and aggreed to that since neither of the parties had 2 thirds of the congregāon either there should be a new poll or both the candidates laid aside and ye Question was put and Roll called and it carried by a great majority for laying both candidates aside, in the present circumstances of ye congregāon. It was farther moved and aggreed to that if either of ye parties should desire supplies from the neighbouring Presbys the Presby of Derry should grant them, which sd Presby promised to do. Donaghedy

Some members of ye comittee ordered to have a Conference with Mr Aprichard now report that he had declared himself willing to subscribe or assent to all the Articles of the Westminister Confession of Faith except these scrupled. They delivered a paper signed by his own hand (a copy of which see page the 6th)† containing a declaration of his scruples of ye doctrine of the scrupled articles which was read. Report of Mr Aprichard's comittee.

Moved yt ye Qesti : be put whether we approve sd declarōon and if he now gives his assent to ye rest of ye Confession this will give satisfaction to ye Synod. Another motion was made that Mr Aprichard be now called and asked if he was willing to give his assent to ye remaining articles of ye Confessson not scrupled, a 3d motion was made that it be recorded in our Minutes as a matter of fact that three several members of the Comittee positively affirmed that he declared to sd Comittee his willingness to subscribe or assent to ye remaining Articles

* Name omitted. † See pp. 246-247.

Mr. Aprichard.

Mr Apchard's affair.

not scrupled by him. Mr Maxwell declared in the name of himself and some other Brethn that if Mr Aprichard had any other scruples than those given in to ye Presby of Armagh he knew nothing of them. Mr Aprichard was called and the Modr told him tho we did not question ye report given by some members of ye Comittee yet in order to give us clearness in voting our approbāon of his declarāon of his sense of ye articles scrupled he should declare to us his adherence to the remaining Articles of ye Confession of Faith. He answered he had satisfied the Comittee last night and was of that same mind this morning and no other answer would give and no other Quest: he would answer.

The state of ye vote was offered as follows whether or not the Synod be satisfied with Mr Aprichards declarāon provided he give his assent now to the remaining doctrines not scrupled for that the Synod as yet has not received satisfaction as to his soundness in the faith.

2dly another state was offered viz: whether we will insist thaf Mr Aprichard shall declare his satisfction with ye Articles of the Confession not scrupled by him before the Synod declares her satisfaction with his declaration concerning the scrupled Articles or not. The Roll was called and it carried by a majority for a 2d state.

Mr Cherry protested against this vote alledging the first state was carried by a majority of the minrs. Messrs. Menagh, Archbd and Thos Maclaine, and Macconel, did also protest and proposed to give their reasons in due time. Mr Maxwell protested for this reason that some of the voters were under influence because a member distinguished the states of the vote saying the second is our state of the vote. Mr Moody adhered to Mr Maxwell's protest as also Messrs. Welsh, M'Combe, Ambrose, Donaldson, and David Harvey alledging the young man notwithstanding his openness had hard treatment. Then the second question was put. Insist or not and it carried insist by a great majority and Messrs. Thos and Archd Maclaine protested against this vote.

Then Mr Aprichard after offering several defences against some things he alledged were charged on him in a paper read as page ye 8 he declined to declare his assent to ye Articles of the Confession against which he had not offered any scruples. Some Brethn testified that Mr Welsh desired his protest might be entered agst the 2d vote.

Some Brethren moved that in ye second state of ye question that the word satisfaction as it is applied to ye Synod implied no more than judgment, and that ye word judgment should be in place of satisfaction.

Comittees ordered to meet at half-an-hour after 4; and ye Synod at 5 afternoon.

Concluded with prayer.

Protesāons in Mr Aprichard

Reasons of ye protestāons as delivered to the Clerk by Mr Archd Maclaine against ye first Resoluōn.

1st. Because Mr Willm Boyd looking about when the two states of ye vote put saying this is our state of ye vote had a tendency to influence some of the members. 1.

2dly. Because the first state of ye vote was carried by a considerable majority of ye minrs who must be supposed to be better Judges of such matters than the other membere, 2. Reasons for protests

3dly. Because Mr Aprichard haveing in compliance with the appointment of the Genl Synod delivered his sense of those doctrines to which his scruples referred had a right to know whether that sense gave satisfaction to ye Synod before any other demands cou'd of right be made. 3.

4thly. That great numbers both of Minrs and others waited to know whether the Synod would accept of Mr Aprichard's declarāon as satisfactory or if they would pin him down to ye letter of the confession. 4.

5thly. Because Intrants if this method had been come unto which we reasoned for would have known what treatment they might expect and a good deal of future trouble to the Synod in affairs of this nature would ha' been prevented. 5.

6ly. Because by the conduct of ye Synod the most effectual discouragement is given to all free inquiry into matters of a Religious nature and candidates for the Ministery are laid under the strongest temptations to Hypocrisy & dissimulation.

7ly. Because the Synod has gon beyond ye rigor of the Act in 1725; which enjoyns nothing more than that the scruples proposed be laid before them in order to be considered by them.

8ly. Because a tedious and laboured answer to Mr Aprichard's reasons for his scruples stuffed with ill natured insinuations was read with a view as it appears to prejudice the audience against him and tho he earnestly desired the perusal of that paper for 2 hours or if that would not be granted that it might be read paragraph by paragraph that he might have an opportunity an off hand reply yet neither of these requests were granted.

Reasons of the Protestaons against ye 2d Resoluōn.

1st. Because from the temper of ye Synod and the treatment given by her to Mr Aprichard he had no Reason to expect that if he had declared his assent to the remaining Articles of ye Westminster Confession of Faith against which no scruples were offered that the Synod would have been satisfied with him. 2d Protest.

2d. Because Mr William Boyd who was supported by a strong & a numerous partie in the Synod alledged yt the Reasons offered by Mr Aprichard in support of his scruples contained more corrupt doctrines than the scruples themselves and when he was called upon by Mr Aprichard to point out such corrupt doctrines he declined to do it by which it appears that neither he nor any of his party had any intention to Remove his scruples but rather to influence the audience against him.

Sessio 7ma June 22d. hora 5ta. post meridm. post preces, Sedt &c.

Some members of the Presby of Armagh desired to know how they should conduct themselves towards Mr Aprichard seeing he had not satisfied the Synod and whether he might not continue a Probaoner of ours in sd Presby untill he should satisfie the Synod, others alledged that since he had not satisfied the Synod he might not continue a Probaōner of ours. Several members of ye Synod desired a decision of this Question : others did not think it proper for so small a number as now remained (besides the Presby of Armagh) to decide an affair which concerned the whole.

Then Mr Aprichard spoke and said he thought fit to withdraw his subjection to this Judicature which put an end to the Debate.

Loughgall.

The supplication of Loughgall presented by their Comrs Gabriel Maclaine, Jno. Anderson, &c. was now again read, it sets forth the sinking state of their congregation. That £4 ℔ an. of their fund was detained from them part of which is due by Maughera congregāon according to a settlement made many years agoe.

The Synod enjoyns sd congrgaon to pay their proportion of the Fund due to Loughgall and desire the Rd Presby Rout or Colerane to interpose their authority to oblidge sd congregāon to do this piece of Justice to Loughgall.

Concluded with prayer.

Hora nona, die Mercurii June 20. *Ante meridm*

Interloqr of Minrs only met to consider who shall be appointed our agent in Dublin to Receive our R.D. from the Deputy Vice-Treasurer in the Room of our Rd Father Iredell deceased.

Agent & treasurer for R.D.

It was proposed that we consider whether our agent and Treasurer be the same person. Moved that since Mr Hutcheson is in Town that he be called and asked if he has anything to communicate to us on our present subject of debate. He attended and offered for £3 more than he now has as Treasurer to go to Dublin twice in the year and act as our agent or solicitor. Then he proposed to go 4 times a year for some less than was allowd Mr Iredell.

Then the Quest. was put shall one person or two be chosen to manage both Receiving and distributing R.D.

The Roll was called and it carried for one person except one voice.

The 2d Quest. was put shall that person reside in Dublin or in the North. It carried for Dublin by a great majority.

The 3d Quest. was put, who shall be the person, whether Mr McMaster or Mr Jas. Lang, and it carried for Mr Lang by a great majority. Messrs. Gilbert Kennedy, Willm Boyd, and Jno. Sterling are appointed to draw up instructions for our agent and Treasurer in Dublin now chosen.

Our Mod^r and Clerk are in our name to sign the Letter of Attorney to Mr Jas. Lang.

Ordered that Thos. Kennedy do write to Hugh Henery, Esqr. and to give him thanks in our name for services to this church and desire the continuance of his good offices these orders were observed.

The General Synod met at Dungannon 17th June, 1740.

Mr Robt McMaster Mod^r of ye proceeding Synod opened this Synod by preaching from Gal. 5 : 13, & constituted it by prayer. Sederunt ye Min^rs & Elders of ye several Presbyteries as follows:—

Ministers.	Elders.
Dublin Presby.	
Hugh Henry	
Jno. Alexander	M^r Wm. Sinclar
Robt McMaster	
James Smith	Mr Geo. Ewings
Monaghan Presby	
Bap^t Boyd	Wm. Watson
Wm Hair	
Jas. Bond	
And^r Dean	
Nathl Glasgow	Wm. Booth
Jas. Hamilton	
Wm. Ambrose	Mr Francis Scott
Alex^r M'Kee	
Jas. Clarke	
David Hutcheson	
Tyrone Presby.	
Thos Kennedy	Saml Sloan
Hugh Wallace	
Jno. Kennedy	
Robt Stuart	Jno. Sinclar
Jas. Orre	Thos Gilpin
Jno. Gibson	Jno. Gordon
Charl. Caldwell	Mr Jno Brown
Wm. Rae	Alex^r Black
Armagh Presby.	
Geo. Lang	And^r Harshaw
Gilb^t Kennedy	Wm. Atcheson
Jno. Menagh	
Jas. Allen	
Jno. King	
Wm. Dick	Robt Ballentyne
Robt Thomson	Robt Barber
Killyleagh Preby.	
Mr Alex^r McCombe	
Letterkenny Presby.	
Wm. Boyd	
David Fairly	
Jno. Holmes	
Luke Ashe	
Derry Presby.	
Jno. Sterling	Sam. Macclelland
Thos Harvey	Robt Smith
Thos Strawbridge	Wm. M'Lewer
Major Murray	
David Harvey	
Thos Bond	Robt Glendining
Bangor Presby.	
Wm. Smith	Jno. Mackee
Jas. M'Cullough	
Saml Sims	
Strabane Presby.	
Nehem. Donaldson	Wm. M'Dowal
Jos. Hemphill	Wm. Craford
And^r Welsh	
Templepatrick Presby.	
Jas. White	Mr Inglish
Jas. Fraser	
Wm. Holmes	

Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
		Colerane Presby.	
Jno. Maxwell		Charl. Lynd	Jno. Chesnut
Tho Crighton	Mr Wm. Moor	Robt Wirling	Alexr Borland
		Jno. Cochran	Mr Gawen Steele
		Jno. Hill	Robt Eliot
		Jas. M'Creight	Jas. M'Gilvane
		Davd Smyly	Jas. Blair
		Jas. M'Curdy	Alexr Wright
		Jno. Semple	Hector Boyd
		Jas. Cochran	
		Robt Brown	
		61 Minrs	

Modr & Clerk chosen

The Modr desired a New Modr might be chosen, he proposed a Leet of Messrs Baptt Boyd, Wirling, Jas Bond, Jno. Kennedy, & Fraser. That one of them might be chosen to preside in this Synod. The Roll was called & Mr Wirling was chosen by a great majority & Geo. Lang continued Clerk *nemine contradicente.*

Returns for Comittee &c.

Ordered yt the several presbys do make returns this night or to-morrow before ye Synod meets, to ye Clerk of their members, for the several Comittees of Overtures Bills, Sub Synod's books & Funds & also for Ye Genl Synod's Fixed Comittee wth an account of such minrs as have died, been ordained, Installed or Licensd to preach or on Tryals or designed to be enter'd on Tryals.

Prayer.

All ye members of this Synod are ordered to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock for prayer & continue to 9 when an Interloquitur is to be held & ye Synod at 10.

Concluded wth prayer.

Sess. IIda hora decima mane, post preces Sedt

Accounts of Dead.

The Time appointed for prayer was spent therein & ye interloquitr held at 9. ye minutes of wch are in ye Last Session.

The returns order'd last night were made by ye presbys.

Licensed.

The presby of Armagh reports yt Mr Archibald Maclaine died ye 23 of Febry last 1739/40, & yt Mr Haslem has passed 2d tryals for Ordination.

Ordained.

Licensed

Bangor Presby Reports yt they have Licensed Mr Hugh Crooks & yt he subscribed ye Genl Synods Formula & yt they have enter'd on first Tryals Mr Hugh Ferguson.

On Tryals.

The Presby of Monaghan reports yt in Novbr Last 1739 they ordained at Brechy Mr David Hutcheson & have Licensed Mr Hugh Mulligan wh both subscribed according to order.

Strabane Presby reports yt they have entered on First Tryals Mr Jas Kerr & design to enter Mr Benjamin Holmes.

Deposed. Licensed.

Templepatrick presby reports y^t on ye 5th of Febry last the depos'd for fornicāon Mr Robt Leathes and have Licensed Mr Wm Thomson who subscrib'd according to order & have enter'd on first Tryals Mr Jno. Hood.

Dead.

The Presby of Derry reports y^t Mr Jno. Harvey died August 20th 1739 & y^t Mr Willm̄ Coningham died 20^t May 1740.

Dead.

Letterkenny Presby reports y^t Mr Jno. Ball died August 22^d 1739 & have Licensed Mr And^r Hamilton but no account of his subscription.

Colerane Presby reports yt they have Licensed Mr Jas. Rainey & yt he subscribed ye Genl Synod's Formula & yt they have entered on first Tryals Messrs. Josiah Gamble, Gideon Neilson, Joseph Teath, & Wm Rogers.

Tyrone Presby report yt they have entered Mr Harvy on 2^d Tryals.

Presby of Dublin report yt they installed Mr Jas. Smith at Capel Street 15th of Febry 1739 & yt he subcsribed our Confession of Faith.

The several Comittees at 3 afternoon to meet in their usual places.

The members of Synod's comittee are :

For Armagh Presby Messrs. Thomson & Maxwell, Mr Jos. Johnston, Elder; for Tyrone, Messrs. Thos. & Jno. Kennedy's, Mr Jas. M'Mullan, Elder; for Letterkenny, Messrs. Fairly & Ashe, Mr Jno. Laird, Elder; for Colerane, Messrs. Jno. Cochran & Robt. Brown, Mr Jno. Henry, Elder; for T. Patrick, Messrs. Jas. White & Fraser, Mr Hen. Magill, Elder; for Bangor, Messrs. Coningham & Smith, Mr Nathl Wilson, Elder; for Derry, Mrs And^r Ferguson & David Harvey Mr Nathl Alexander, Elder; for Strabane, Messrs. Jos. Hemphill & Macbeth, Jas. Knox, Elder; for Killileagh, Messrs. Kennedy, & M'Combe; for Monaghan, Messrs. Carlile & Ambrose, Francis Scott, Elder.

These wth our Mod^r & Clerk are order'd to meet at Dungannon when called by our Mod^r on any Emergent 15 to be a Quorum whereof 12 at least to be Min^rs.

Absents Excused.

Abst^s from this Synod & excused are Messrs. Humph. Thomson, Carlile, Maccleve, Sharpe. Drum̄ond, Dunlop, Laird, Vannce, Wilson, And^r Ferguson, Jas. Stuart, Masterton, Fran. Montgomery, Malcolm, Nat^hl Orr, Shannon, Smith of Ballee, Johnston, Gordon, Cherry, Moody, Cobham, Alex. Brown, Levingston, Patten, Tim. White, Wm Thomson, Jno. Thomson, Henderson, Jas. Maxwell, Maccrackan, Vict^r Ferguson, Neil, McBride, Jas. Thomson & Knox.

Not excused.

Abst^s & not excused are Messrs. Plunket, Maclaine, Saml Hemphill, Carson, Algeo, McGachin, Jno. Montgomery, Lyle, Coningham, Mackay, Jas. Max^l Stewart, Reid, Fergy, Kennedy Junr, Scott, Alex^r Maclaine, Hastings, Craford, Morehead, Thos Brown, Maxwel, Lewson. Jas. Smith, Macheth, Ross, Jno. Orre, & Jno. Thomson of Rout.

Mr Dalrymple

By last Synod's minutes we find yt little or nothing has been done for ye relief of Mr Dalrymple, the Synod now earnestly recommends it to such Members of Derry & Armagh Synods, as have not yet as have not yet contributed, yt such as be present may pay Now, & ye Clerks of ye several Presbys do receive from those now absent.

The Presby of Tyrone Reports yt ye people of Castledawson have payed ye arrears due by them to Mr Wallace. But ye 50 families have not pd theirs to Monimore. Of this again.

Dunfanaghy.

The case of Dunfanaghy to be considered by an Interloquitr.

Capel Street supplies

The Congregāon of Capel Street by Mr Smith and Mr Smith and Mr Thos Kennedy, Renewed their desire of such supplies from ye North as they shall apply for, their desire was granted, and Mr Jas Armstrong appointed their first supply for six weeks. The Presby of Killileagh will take care of supplying Portaferry during his absance.

Some members of ye Synod of Armagh represented yt ye far greater part of ye Minrs of ye Synod do not attend ye meetings thereof. This referred to ye Comittee of Overtures.

Comittees ordered to meet at 3 & ye Synod at 4.

Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 3tia hora 4ta post meridiem. post preces, Sedt &c.

Mr Kennedy's Credentials.

Certificates from ye Revd Presbys of Biggar & Edinburgh in favour of Mr Jno. Kennedy, probāoner were now produced and read before this Synod. The Synod having considered sd certificates do approve 'em and allow any presby within ye bounds of this Synod to receive & Imploy him as a probāoner for ye holy minry.

The time and place of Next Genl Synod was now to be considered & it was aggreed without any vote yt Dungannon being most central should be ye place ye 3d Tuesday of June next, sermon to begin at 5 in ye evening.

Donagedy affairs.

The reading our Minutes brought ye affairs of Donaghedy again before this Synod. Comrs appeared from 3 several parties. From ye 1st partie which is for Mr. Areskin, were Comrs Jno. Orre & Wm Cook, they presented a supplicāon containing a long detail of their affair & making Loud Complaints of ye Presby of Derry alledging their Partiality in favour of Mr Armstrong. From ye 2 partie Mr Hugh Hamilton & Andr Picking were Comrs. They alledged ye subscribers to them were 249. They supplicate yt Mr Armstrong may be their pastor. From a 3 partie were Comrs Mr Jas. Hamilton, &c., they desire that either both candidates may be laid aside or yt Mr Hair be allowed to them.

The affair coming before ye Revd Sub-Synod of Derry by an appeal of ye 3d partie to ye sd Synod, the minutes Thereof were read relating to sd affair & then ye appeal wth the Reasons thereof & then ye Referance of this affair by sd Synod to this Genl Synod: also a protest of some Members of ye presby of Derry against a Sentence of said Presby in favour of y^{t} party of the congregaion wch is for Mr Armstrong, wth ye reasons of ye same and an appeal to this Synod were read also ye answers of ye presby to sd reasons were read.

Presby of Derry's conduct.

The Com̄^{rs} of the 3 three parties were severaly heard at great length. The minutes of ye presby of Derry relating this involved affair were also read & by them it appears y^{t} sd presbytery had for some time acted pursuant to ye Resolution of the last Genl Synod: But afterwards Treated the people of Donaghedy as two Distinct congregations & Instead of laying aside both ye canditates as ye Synod had Directed, they retained both & Brought a third upon ye stage by wch ye affair is Become more perplexed; a third party Being inclined to have him (Mr Hair) for their Pastor: The presby having also taken some steps towards a settlm^{t} of two of sd candidates in Donaghedy wch this Synod doth not approve.

Not approved.

Comittee appointed.

The Synod being at a Loss to know how to act in these Circumstances & finding it not in their Power to Issue the affair this Night thought fit after Long Reasoning, to appoint a Com̄ittee Consisting of Messrs Thos. Gilb^{t} Kennedy, Jno. Alexander, Jas. Frazer, & Hugh Wallace, to converse wth the Com̄^{rs} of the several parties in y^{t} Congregation & Endeavour to ripen this Important & Difficult affair for a Decision & report their opinion upon it To-morrow Morning. The Synod to meet at 9 in ye Morning.

Concluded wth prayer.

Sessio 4ta hora nona Die Jovis. post preces Sed^{t} &c.

Overtures.

The Com̄ittee appointed by ye Synod to converse wth the Gentlemen Com̄r^{s} from ye Congregation of Donaghedy after Conversāion wth them & serious consideration of y^{t} affair do overture, as follows:— 1 y^{t} Seeing there have been animosities & heats among ye Members of y^{t} Congregation about these probāoners wch have been appointed to supply 'em y^{t} these probāoners, Messrs Armstrong, Areskin, & Hair, be Laid aside from supplying ye Congreration & y^{t} supplyers be now appointed by ye Synod for 6 months as follows:—1st, Mr Lynd for the Last Sab. of June & 1st of July. 2, Mr Weirling for two Sabs. 3, Mr Jno. Kennedy for 2 Sabs. 4, Mr Saml Dunlop for 2 Sabs. 5, Mr James MacCurdy for 2 Sabs. 6, Mr Lyle for 2 Sabs., & in case any of these Supplyers be uncapable to supply as afores^{d} y^{t} ye presby appoint another in his place, & as for ye Remaining 3 Months ye Synod appoints y^{t} Congregation to be supplied by ye Presbys of Tyrone Colerane & T.patrick wth probāoners, & If y^{t} Congregaion shall call any of s^{d} Supplyers the call shall be prosecuted before ye presby to wch ye Minr or probāoner called shall belong, but wth ye Concurrence of ye presby of Derry & in case of an appeal a Com̄ittee be appointed consisting of Messrs Thos Kennedy, Wallace, McBride, Jno. Cochrane,

1st Overture.

Hill, Donaldson, Vict^{r} Ferguson, Jos Hemphill, Dunlop, Fairly Jno. Holmes, wth an Eld^{r} from each presby to be called by our Mod^{r} on application to him by the Congregāion to meet at Strabane at such time as he shall fix To Determine this affair & settle ye Congregation. 2 whereas a very offensive & scandalous Riot happened in y^{t} congregaion on ye Lords Day & Examinions have been lodged & returned to ye Clerk of the Crown, y^{t} a Letter be written to Wm Hamilton Esqr to use his Interest to stop ye prosecution to all wch ye parties agreed. 3, It was overtur'd yt in case ye settlm^{t} of ye congrēgaion be not accomplished in ye 6 months afores'd yt ye above Comittee be called to give farther Directions for their future conduct to next Genl Synod & that ye prēsby of Derry do attend to give Light to the Comittee seven of wch to be a Quorum. 4, Yt ye presby of Derry do stop giving or receiving any part of Tryal from any of these young Gentlemen in order to his or their Settlm^{t} in any part of yt congregāion, untill next Genl Synod all these overtures were several times Read & then voted & approved by the Synod. The parties were called in & this decision Intimated to them; Mr Alexander & ————* were appointed to write ye Letter above mentioned, but no return was made to the Clerk whether sd appointment was observ'd.

2nd Overture.

3rd Overture.

4th Overture.

Approved.

Revisers of Synod Books report

The Revisers of ye Sub-Synods Books observ'd yt the minutes of ye presby of Derry had not been produced at the Synod for several years & yt the presby Book of Strabane had not appear'd for six years past ye minutes not being engrosed & yt the presby of Tyrone had not been produced at the Synod of Armagh these 3 years past. The Synod resents ye negligence of sd presbys & resolved yt if any presby shall in time coming be guilty of such Neglect, yt ye Mod^{r} & Clerk shall be censur'd by ye Sub-Synods respectively, & if they neglect by the Genl Synod.

Reasons of protests not to be inserted.

Upon reading ye protests against ye proceedings of last Genl Synod in Mr Aprichard's affair it was observ'd yt in ye Reasons of sd protests there were several Reflections on ye Synod and some particular members thereof to wch they had no opportunity to give answers. The Synod resolv'd yt tho it had been Long a custom to Insert in our minutes such Reasons of protests that for the Future it should not be done without ye Synod's particular order.

Ardstraw affair.

An affair of Ardstraw congregaon came now before ye Synod appear'd Com̄^{rs} from Ardstraw Saml McClelland & Wm Craford they presented a Supplion containing a state of their case. The minutes of ye Synod of Derry relating this affair were read, of wch more in ye nex Sess^{n}.

Comittees ordered to meet at 3 & Synod at 4 *post meridiem.*

Concluded wth prayer.

Sessio V^{ta} 4 post merid^{m} Die Jovis post preces Sed^{t} &c.

The minutes of ye Synod of Derry were now again read & the appeal of ye presby of Strabane from a sentence of sd Synod and

*Name omitted.

several reasons for sd appeal & several papers wch had before sd Sub-Synod particularly a supplicaon of Mr Welsh's congregaion wherein they complain of some members of Letterkenny presby Preaching very near their meeting-house.

A paper from some of ye people of Ardstraw giving their reasons why they Desire not to be under Mr Welsh's ministry was read. The Presbys of Strabane & Letterkenny, Mr Welsh & several other Members of ye Synod of Derry & all parties who had Interest in this affair were fully heard and particularly, Mr Jas. Kinkead; it was aggreed yt his evidences be heard as soon as they appear; appeared Mr Saml Johnston who solemnly declar'd yt to the best of his memory he heard Mr Jas. Kinkead's father that He had no more to say to him now or at that time. Jno. Kinkead solemnly Declar'd to the same purpose yt His father sd to Mr Welsh yt he had no more to say to him now or at that time. These were advanced to prove yt there was no ground for Mr Welsh's allegaion, that Joseph Kinkead had sworn a false oath. All parties were removed & after Long Reasoning it was Resolved—

1st That out of regard to truth & the character of our Brot Welsh that there be a narrow scrutiny into these surmises and Reports now before us & yt in order thereto a large Comittee of this Synod be order'd to meet upon the spot the Last Wednesday of July next to Inquire into & give judgmt in this affair. 1st Resoluon

2 That the new Erection in Ardstraw may be supplied as formerly untill the meeting of the Comittee, but that no steps be taken towards a settlmt either by proceeding in a call or otherwise. 2nd.

3d That the presby of Letterkenny give notice to ye people of said Erection of the time of the Comittees meeting at Ardstraw that if any of them have anything to advance against Mr Welsh's character, they appear before sd Comittee, and that the names of the witnesses be return'd to Mr Welsh, wth a copy of the Libel (if Mr Jas. Kinkead or any other person or persons will exhibet one) & signed by the Libeller or Libellers be given to him Ten Days before the Time of sd Comittees meeting. 3rd.

4 In case Mr Welsh's character appears fair that the new Erection of Ardstraw be Dissolved and the people Left at Liberty to Joyn to adjacant congregations, they paying all arrears due by them personally to Mr Welsh & take Dismissis or Discharges for the payment made. 4th.

5 That ye number of the Comittee be twenty-two, 12 of 'em to be a Quorum. Out of Tyrone Presby, Messrs. Thos and Jno. Kennedys, Wallace, & Gibson; of Armagh, Messrs. Kennedy, Johnston, Gordon, & King; of Monaghan, Messrs. Fleming, Plunket, Hair, & Ambrose; of Killileagh, Messrs. Kennedy & M'Combe; of T. Patrick, Messrs. Hignibothom, Jas. White, Jno. Brown, & Moorhead; of Bangor, Mr Sims, Elders, Mr Charles Johnston, Saml Kerr, John Harris, & Francs Scott. 5th.

Resolv'd that Mr Jas. Kinkead, be allowed to vindicate his character if he pleases. The Clerk by mistake gave a copy of this minute before the Minutes being signed by the Modr of the Synod.

Synod to meet at 9 *mane*. Concluded wth prayer.

Sessio VIta hora nona mane die veneris post preces Sedt &c.

Upon Revising ye minutes this morning ye Synod thought fit particularly to order the presby of Letterkenny to give the names of the witnesses wth a copy of the Libell if there be any to Mr Welsh this was forgot last night thro Hast.

Monimore 50 families.

From Moneymore appeared Comrs Messrs. Brown & Kidd complaining that the 50 families allowed to Joyn to Maughrifelt were admitted to priviledges tho they had not payed their arrears to Moneymore by wch means they were unable to pay some congregational Debts. From sd 50 families appeared Adam Wilson Comr, he on ye contrary alledged yt no arrears were due by any of them except a few poor people not able to pay; he adduced proof yt Mr Crooks had often said that the best pay he had in the congregaion was from said 50 families. The Comrs of both sides were fully heard and this affair consider'd, it was moved & aggreed to that ye presby of Tyrone do call correspondents from the neighbouring presbys to assist in Settling accounts between Monimore and said 50 families & also the 23 families & accomodate all Differences betwixt that congregaion and said people.

Decision.

This Synod ernestly Desired our Brot Strawbridge to accquaint Mr Victr Ferguson that the Gen1 Synod expects yt the presby of Strabane should stop in taking any farther Tryals of Mr Jas. Kerr untill ye Comittee meet at Ardstraw and this because of some Indecent Behaviour being witnessed against him at this Synod.

Castledawson annexed to Rout Presby.

Appeared from Castle Dawson Mr Thos Mann, &c., Comrs they presented a supplion to be disannex'd from the Revd presby of Tyrone and to be annex'd to ye Revd presby of Colerane, this wth consent of Tyrone presby was granted, alwise provided that in all Time coming they pay their proportion of the publick Fund to Loughgall only & all arrears Due to it.

Tyrone presby consents yt Mr Harvy be constant supplier at Castle Dawson.

Interloquitur

Interloquitur of Minrs only June 20th 1740.

Ordered that Mrs Dunlop now in the bounds of Colerane Presby be allowed her proportion of ordinary R D. especially & all arrears ye year ending at June 1739, which is to be Deducted at next Dividend and the rest in another Dividend untill the whole be pd. She commenced at June 1738 & first Quarter was due at Michalmass 1738. Our agent & Treasurer now present reports that tho he has

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used all possible diligence. yet there was no possiblity of getting our R.D. payed more punctually thro want of money in the Treasury, by reason of severity of ye weather, embargoes, &c.

That he had wth him a Dividend for June q^{r} 1739. Messrs. Donaldson, Jo^{s} Hemphill, Gibson McCombe, & Caldwell remonstrated against any defalcation of their proportion of R.D. without their own consent except Synod's Clerk's fees, & particularly on account of Mr John Holmes who is allowed a double portion, but this wth respect to Time coming only without Retrospect. Banbreachy Min^{r} who has a Double portion was excepted. By Mr Gibson, he declared he was for allowing him (viz Mr Hutcheson) a Double portion but not to any other. Remonstrance

Some Brethren reported that the presby of Monaghan have reponed Mr Josiah Cornwall contrary to the resuolution of the Interloquitur of ye Genl Synod particularly the last at Antrim in June 1735. The Brethren were much Displeased wth this account and that he should Desire to be Restored to the exercise of his Ministry. M^{r} C——l

GEO. LANG C.S.G.

6th Augt 1740

The General Synod mett at Dungannon June ye 16th 1741.

Mr Robt. Wirling Modr of the former Synod opened this by preaching from 2 Tim. 2-3 and constituted it by prayer, after which Sederunt Ministers and ruling Elders from the several Presbyteries as follows, viz:—

Ministers.	Elders.
Monaghan Presby.	
Bapt. Boyd	
Alexr. Flemming	
Willm Hair.	
Jon Carlisle	
Nath. Glasgow	
Jas. Hamilton	
Willm Ambrose	Dav. Morton
Alexr. M'Kie	
Geo. Carson	
Jas. Clark	Jos. Knox.
Dav. Hutchison	
Tyrone Presby.	
Thos. Kennedy	Jon Laird
Hugh Wallace	
Jon Kennedy	Jon Robinson
Robt. Stewart	
Jas. Orr	Thos. Gilpin
Jon Gibson	
Ch. Caldwell	Jas. Smith
Dublin Presby.	
Hugh Henry	
Jas. Smith	
Armagh Presby.	
Gilb. Kennedy	Jas. Ker
Robt. Gordon	Thos. Mophet
Jon Menagh	Josias Gaddis
Geo. Cherry	Hugh Andrew
Jon King	
Robt. Thomson	Jas. Barber
Jon Maxwell	Mr Jos. Johnston
Andr. Kennedy	
Geo. Ferguson	
T.Patk. Presby.	
Jas. Cobham	
Alexr. Brown	Jon Mulligan
Willm Patton	
Tim. White	
Jon Hastie	Andr. Wilson
Jon Moorhead	
Jon Lewson	

Ministers.	Elders.
Letterkenny Presby.	
Saml. Dunlop	Dav. M'Cleland
Willm Boyd	Wm. Moor
Dav. Fairly	
Jon Holmes	
Luke Ash	
Willm Wilson	
Derry Presby.	
Jon Stirling	Thos. Taylour
Bangor Presby.	
Robt. Cuningham	Dav. Kennedy
Andr. Malcolm	
Jas. Max. Stewart	
Jas. M'Cullogh	Gavin Hamilton
Saml. Sims	
Killileagh Presby.	
Thos. Scott	
Alexr. M'Combe	
Alexr. M'Lane	
Jas. Armstrong	
Strabane Presby.	
Victor Ferguson	
Neh. Donaldson	
Jos. Hemphill	
Andr. Welsh	Willm Crawford
Willm M'Beath	Mr Jas. Smith
Colraine Presby.	
Ch. Lynd	Math. Langwill
Robt. Wirling	Jas. Ker
Robt. M'Bride	Jon Ramsay
Jon Cochran	Mr Jas. White
Jon Orr	Saml. Moor
Jas. M'Creight	Jas. Gibson
Jon Semple	Mr Jas. Howie
Jas. Cochran	Mr Jas. Reiny

The Mod^{r} moved that another be chosen to succeed him. The following Leet was proposed, viz: Bap^{t} Boyd, Jo^{n} Kennedy, Hugh Wallace, Robt Gordon, Willm Patton, Jo^{n} Orr, and Jo^{n} Carlisle. The Roll was called, and Mr Wallace was chosen. Modr & Clk chosen.

It was next moved that a Clerk be chosen to this Synod.

The following Bretheren being proposed as a Leet, viz: Messrs. Allexr. Brown, Jo^{n} Cochran, & Jas. Hamilton, and the roll called, Jo^{n} Cochran was chosen.

Ordered that the several Presbyteries meet this night, & prepare Returns. to be given to the Clk to-morrow morning, of their Members for the Several Committees, of Overture, Bills, Revising the Sub-Synod Books, Fund, and also for the general Synod's fixed Committee, with an Account of such Ministers as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed to preach, entered on Tryals, or about to be entered. Returns for Comittees, &c.

All the Members of this Synod are ordered to meet to-morrow morning at 8 of the clock, for Prayer and continue till ten, when open Synod shall begin. Prayer.

Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 2da Die Mercurij. Hora Decima Mane. post preces Sed^{t} &c.

The time appointed for Prayer, was observed.

The Returns of Committee, &c., appointed last night were made by the Presbyteries, and given to the Clk. Accounts of

The Presby of Letterkenny report that Mr Seth Dummond dyed Septr ye 4th 1740, and Mr Pat^{k} Vance Jan^{r} ye 2^{d} 1740/1. and that they are about to enter Mr Willm Laird on first Tryals. Dead.

The Presby of Colraine report that they have licensed Messrs Jo^{s} Tate, Gideon Neilson, & Willm Rodgers, who all subscribed. And are about to enter on first Tryals Messrs. Ja^{s} Tod, and Ch. McCollum. Licensed. Entered on Tryals.

Derry Presby report that they have licensed Mr Jo^{n} Loge who subscribed, and have entered on first Tryals Messr^{s} Jno Ker, Senr & Jno Ker, Junr

The Presby of Monaghan report that Mr Thos McLane dyed Novr ye 11th 1740, and Mr Saml Hemphill, March ye 28th 1741; and that they have entered Mr Wm Spratt on first Tryals. Dead.

The Presby of T.Patrick report that they have licensed Messrs Jo^{n} Mulligan, Clothworthy Brown, & Jo^{n} Hood, who all subscribed. Licensed.

The Presby of Armagh report that they Ordained M^{r} Ch. Heslem at Drumbannaghar, July ye 22^{d} 1740; Mr And^{r} Kennedy at Mourne, Feb^{r} ye 24th 1740/1; and Mr Geo. Ferguson at Market Hill, March ye 10th, 1740/1. That M^{r} Ch. Heslem dyed March ye 27th 1741, and Mr Geo. Lang [Clerk], May ye 29th 1741. Ordained.

Dead.

Tyrone Presby report that Mr Willm Dick dyed Decr ye 23rd 1740, and Mr Willm Rae Febr ye 20th 1740/1.

Killileagh Presby report that they licensed Mr Michael Henry, who subscribed.

Synod's Fixed Committee

The Members of the General Synod's Fixed Committee are:—For Letterkenny, Messrs Luke Ash, Jon McGaughie, Mr Jon Laird, Eldr; For Colraine, Messrs Dav. Smylie, Robt Brown, Mr Jon Henry, Eldr; For Derry, Messrs Andr Ferguson, Dav. Harvey, Mr Neth Allexr Eldr; For Monaghan, Messrs Jon Carlisle, Wm Ambrose, Mr Saml Smith, Eldr; For Strabane, Messrs Jos Hemphill, Wm McBeath, Mr Jas Knox, Eldr; For T.Patrick, Messrs Jas White, Jas Fraser, Mr Ch. Johnston, Eldr; For Armagh, Messrs Gilb. Kennedy, Jon King, Mr Jon Cample, Eldr; For Tyrone, Messrs Thos Kennedy, Jon Kennedy, Mr Jas McMullan, Eldr; For Bangor, Messrs Robt Cunningham, Wm Smyth, Mr Neth. Wilson, Eldr; For Killileagh, Messrs Gilb. Kennedy, Junr, Alexr McCombe.

These with our Modr & Clk. are to meet at Dungannon, when called by the Modr on any Emergent. 15 to be a Quorum whereof 12, at least to be be Ministers.

Absents excused

Absent from this Synod, and excused are:—Messrs Humph Thomson; Andr Dean, Jon Macleve, Hugh Sharp, Fran. Laird, Thos Harvey, Andr Ferguson, Jas Stewart, Ch. Masterton, Fran. Montgomrie, Wm Smith, Neth. Orr, Saml Shannon, Wm Smith, Jas Allen, Thos Crighton, Wm Livingstown, Robt Higginbothom, Jas White, Jas Fraser, Wm Thomson, Wm Holmes, Jon Thompson, Wm Henderson, Jas Maxwell, Alex McCrackan, Hen. Neil, Jas Thomson, Robt Knox, Francis Ross, Jon Hill, Jon Thomson, Jon Allexr & Robt McMaster.

Not excused.

Absent and not excused—Messrs Patk Plunket, Jas Bond, Jon Algeo, Jon McGaughie, Thos Strawbridge, Majr Murray, Nin. Cochran, Da. Harvey, Thos Bond, Jon Montgomrie, Jon Lisle, Dav. Walker, Jas Reid, Hugh Williamson, Saml Forgie, Gilb. Kennedy, Junr Jas Johnston, Jas Moodie, Thos Crawford, Thos Brown, Jon Brown, Jon McConnel, Jas Smith, Dav. Smylie, Jas McCurdie, & Robt Brown.

Mr. Jas. Ker

Mr Jas Ker, a candidate in the Presby of Strabane, having been stop'd in his Tryals by order of an Interloqr of the Synod, last year; that Preby now ask advice how they shall behave towards him. This refer'd to the Interloqr.

Mr Andr Hamilton did subscribe, when licensed by the Presby of Letterkenny, last year.

Mr. Dalrymple

This Synod earnestly recommends it to the several Presbyteries, that they take care & use diligence to have the deficiencies of ye charity appointed for the Relief of Mr Dalrymple, raised & transmitted to him.

Mr Jon. Kennedy who brought Credentials from N. Brittain & produced them last year, to the Synod, has since left this Kingdom, & returned to N.Brittain, but asked no Credentials again from any Judicature of this Church. It is also credibly reported to us, that

since that time, his Licence, for several immoralities, has been taken from him.

It was agreed to, *nemine contradicente*, that next Synod shall meet at Dungannon the 3d Tuesday of June, 1742. Sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon. Next Synod.

Upon reading the Minute of last year with reference to Donoghedie affairs, Mr Wirling our former Modr complained that he had been traduced, and his conduct blamed, with respect to the calling the Committee for directing, and settling that congregation; and he desires to know, whither he was, by the Overtures last year to call sd Committee at the desire of the whole congregation as one body, or at the desire of any of the Parties there? Several of the Members spoke on the affair, and the Synod agreed that the whole congregation, as one body, was understood in sd Overtures. Mr. Wirling.

It is recommended to the Revisers of Sub-Synod Books, that they take notice how the several Synods animadvert on the Presbyteries who do not ingross their Minutes in their respective books.

The Committee appointed to meet at Ardstra, obeyed the appointment, and now produced their Minutes, which were read in ye Synod.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. The Several Committees to meet at 3 in their usual places. Concluded with prayer.

Sessio 3tia Hora 5ta post meridiem. Post preces, Sedt &c.

The Presby of Killileagh report that Mr Jas. Armstrong was ordained by them at Portaferry Octr ye 31, 1739, and that they had neglected to make this return last year. Mr Jas. Armstrong ordained.

Messrs. Thos Nisbit, & Jon Sims from Monaghan produced a commissn, and presented a supplication to this Synod, for four months supplyes by Messrs. Jas. Howie in the Presby of Colraine, Jno. Hood in the Presby of T.Patk, Hen. Areskine in the Presby of Derry, & Jno. Marshal in the Presby of Letterkenny, each of these candidates for one month; they also ask libertie that after these four months are expired, the Presby of Monaghan shall have power to call other Probationers, from such Presbyteries, as sd congregation shall think fit. And farther, that if they shall fix on any of the sd Supplyers, they may have power to countermand such other of them, as have not yet supplyed. The Synod granted the Supplication, & appointed Mr Howie for the month of July, Mr Hood for Augt, Mr Areskine for Septr & Mr Marshal for Octr. Monaghan ask four months supplyes.

Mr Jon Stirling desired this Synod to send Supplyes to Drumacose for the four next ensuing Sabaths, inasmuch as there are none of the Presby of Derry here but himself, and that congregation is otherwise likely to want Sermon till the Stated Meeting of that Presby. The Synod appoints Mr Howie to supply there next Sab. Mr Arskine Sab. come Sennight, Mr Gid. Neilson ye first Sab. of July, & Mr Arskine ye 2d. Drumacose.

Mr Wirling approved.

Mr Wirling's complaint was now considered, and tho some reflexions have been bandyed thro the countrey for his first having call'd sd Committee, and afterwards countermanding its meeting on the affairs of Donoghedie, yet the Synod looks on these Reflections as groundless, and approves his conduct.

Ardstra Committee.

The Synod now considered the conduct of the Committee which mett at Ardstraw; it was alledged that the Presby of Letterkenny are Parties in this affair, and therefore are not to be admitted Judges in trying said Committees conduct. The Presby was heard, and the Motion was overruled by the Synod. It was moved, that in regard there are some apparent inconsistencies in the Resolutions of sd Committee, the members of it, shall, to-morrow morning, give in to the Synod, an explication of these seming inconsistencies in writing, as they had given them *viva voce* now, and farther that the Bretheren who objected against ye consistencie of sd Resolutions, and conduct of the Committee, attend sd Members to mind them of these objections; and that Mr Welsh also attend, if desired, to give them what light he can, in order to their more fully explaining sd Resolutions. The above Minute was voted, & approved.

Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning. Interloqr to meet at 8.

Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 4ta Die Jovis. Hora nona Mane. Post preces sedt &c.

Newton Clanebuys supplyed.

A Supplication from Newtown Clanebuys was presented to this Synod by Mr Jon Tate their Commissr Desiring Synodical Supplyes, particularly that Messrs. Jas. Reiny & Jas. Howie, Probrs in the Presby of Colraine, & Mr Hen. Areskine in the Presby of Derry, supply there, three Sabaths each, as the Synod shall think fit. The supplication was granted: and Mr Reiny is appointed for the last Sab. of June, & two first Sabaths of July; Mr Areskine for the next three; and Mr Howie for the next three following.

Ardstra Committee approved.

The Committee on the Ardstra affairs, now brought in an Explication of such of the Resolutions as were excepted against, and as was ordered last night, which were read, and are *in retentis*, then the Members of the Committee were heard, and being removed; the Synod reasoned on the affair for some time. After which, the question was put: whither this Synod approves the conduct of the Committee with the Explications, or not? The Roll being call'd, it carryed in the affirmative.

Erection in Ardstra.

A Comissn to Jon Neilson & Jas. Ker from a considerable number in Ardstra, was read, and also a Supplication from sd Partie, setting forth, that, as they had been, some time agoe, erected into a distinct congregation by the Presby of Letterkenny and for some time supplyed by sd Presby; but that by the Committee lately mett there, these Supplyes had been discontinued from sd meeting till this Synod, to which the affair was refer'd, the Synod would now order the

Erection to be confirmed, and the Presby of Letterkenny be allowed to give them Supplyes, and if they see cause, proceed to their aettlement with a fixed Pastor.

A Commiss^{n} to Messrs. Wm Crawford, Wm Leech, &c., by that part of the Congregation which adheres to Mr Welsh, empowering them to act & doe in their name, provided the afiairs of that Congregation should come before the Synod, was also read. The Commiss^{rs} on both sides were heard, they against the Erection alledged, that a great part of the Subscribers to the Commiss^{n} for the Erection were poor, & not able to support it, and that some of them did not live in the bounds of Ardstra Congregation. On the other part, these who supplicated for the Erection, proposed to give sufficient Security for the maintainence of a Minister, and paying the Synod's Quota, & that the other part of the Congregation can easily support Mr Welsh without them. Mr Welsh was also heard.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. The Committees to meet at 4.

Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 5ta Hora 5ta post meridiem, Post preces, Sed^{t} &c.

The affair of Ardstra was resumed, and it was moved, that as the Presby of Letterkenny had erected that People into a Congregation, are thereby become Parties with them, and so have no right to judge in it. It was also mov'd, that the Presby of Strabane was interested as a Partie in that affair, and that they remove likewise, with which Strabane Presby complyed without any debate. Then the Presby of Letterkenny was heard, and being removed, the Question was put—viz.: Does this Synod judge that the above Presby are Parties or not? The roll was call'd, and it carryed in the affirmative by a great majority. These Presbyteries being call'd in, the above Resolution was read to them, and afterwards they were heard for and against the Erection. Then all Parties being removed, the Synod after reasoning on the affair, put the following Question—viz.: Shall the late Erected Congregation in Ardstra be continued, or not? It was agreed before calling the Roll, that in case it carry for the Erection, it shall be understood with the following Limitations, viz:— With Limitations

Limit: 1. That the Presby of Letterkenny be satisfyed that there is a sufficient foundation for the support of a Minister before one be settled among them. 1.

Limit: 2^{d} That none but the 110, whose names are contained in, and subscribed to the Commiss^{n} now given in, shall be reputed or received as Members of the new Erection unless they prove that they have sufficient grounds of scruple against Mr Welshes ministry in the ordinary course of our discipline. 2.

Limit: 3^{d} That if any of the Persons whose names are at the Commiss^{n} or supplication shall rather choose to continue members of the Old Congregation, they shall be at libertie so to do. 3.

4 Limit: 4th That every one of the above subscribers who shall think fit to continue members of the new Erection, shall pay any arrear that they may have owed while they were members of the Old Congregation before they be admitted members of the New. Which is to be so understood that such as can make it appear that they were dismissed before May, 1738, shall pay to that time; they that were dismissed at May, 1740, shall pay to that time. And the rest are to pay down to this Synod.

The above question being resumed, and the Roll call'd, it carryed for the continuing the Erection, with the Limitations, by a great majority.

It was again moved and seconded that this new congregation be put under the care of the Presby of Derry, which occasioned a debate, after wc the question was put:—Shall this Synod order them to be under the care of the Presby of Derry, or leave them to their own choice? The Roll was call'd, and it carry'd to leave them to their own choice. Parties being call'd in, the above minute was read, and the Commissrs for the Erection chose to be under the care of the Presby of Letterkenny.

It was farther moved, and agreed to, that Mr Victor Ferguson preach at Ardstra, some Lord's Day within a month hence, and read these minutes to the Old Congregation. Mr Welsh to preach at Strabane sd day.

Revisers of books make report.

The Revisers of the Synod's Books make report that Armagh book was not delivered to them, it not being here, occasioned by the death of Mr. Lang. That they revised the Books of the other two Sub-Synods—viz., Belfast & Derry; that they approve these books, and so doth this Synod; they were signed by the Modr and Clk.

Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning. Interloqr at 7.

Concluded with prayer.

Sess: 6ta Die Veneris. Hora 9na Mane. Post preces.

Part of Donaghedy subjected to ye Pby of Letterkenny.

Appeared from that part of Donoghedie which adheres to this Synod, Messrs Thos. Wensly and Jon Orr, and produced a Commissn subscribed by a great many hands, representing that they intend to give a call to Mr Robt Wirling, and desiring that in order to their being speedily and comfortably planted, that Synod would give advice, and that this Synod would please to disannex them from the Presby of Derry, and put them under ye care of the Presby of Letterkenny or Colraine. The Commissrs being heard and removed, the Synod reasoned on the affair, and then granted their supplication by putting them under the care of the Presby of Letterkenny, and ordered sd Presby to proceed to their settlement according to the known rules of our discipline.

A letter from the Revd Presby of Dublin subscribed by Mr. Isaac Weld, was read in this Synod, wherein they take notice that the Partie in Donaghedie, who are for Mr Willm Armstrong, had complained to them, that upon account of hard usage which they the above Partie apprehend, they had received from this Church, had applyed to s^{d} Presby that they might proceed to ordain Mr Armstrong among that People. That they are unwilling to intermedle in our affairs, or proceed in that settlement unless urged to it by the utmost necessity. That as that People had rashly withdrawn their subjection to this Synod, they would heartily interpose and employ their Interest with us, in order to our encouraging their return to their wonted subjection to the Synod, and our proceeding to his settlement among that People in our ordinary way. Part of Donoghedie erected and put under the care of ye Pby of Strabane.

A Letter from Willm Hamilton of Donnemanagh, Esqre, was also read, wherein he gives his opinion, & submitts it to this Synod, that it would be most for the peace and edification of that People to receive them under our care, and proceed to the settlement of Mr. Armstrong among them, and that he and they be put under the care of the Presby of Strabane.

Messrs Hugh Hamilton & Jo^{n} Denniston produced a Commiss^{n} from that part of Donoghedie, empowering them to act in their name, which was read.

The Synod reasoned on this whole affair for some time; then the following Overture was proposed, namely—That if Mr Armstrong, and the People who adhere to him, are disposed to return to their subjection to this Synod, they shall declare such subjection before some Judicature of this Church, and that they be put under the care of the Presby that they shall choose, who are to be accountable to the Synod for their proceeding with respect to him and that People.

Which Overture was voted, and approved. The Commiss^{rs} being called, they acquiesced, and chose to go under the care of the Presby of Strabane. Ordered that a Letter be wrote to the Presby of Dublin, w^{h} was accordingly done, and subscribed by our Mod^{r} & Clk. Ordered that Mr Vict^{r} Ferguson write in the name of the Synod to Mr Hamilton.

Appeared from Glen-Dermot Messrs Willm Bond & Jo^{n} Thomson, who produced a Commiss^{n} from the greater part of that Session, and some part of the Congregation, and supplicated this Synod to send them such supplyes as the Commiss^{rs}, with the concurrence of the Presby of Derry, shall think proper. Glen Dermot.

Messrs Robt Hall, Geo. Brown, &c., produced a Commiss^{n} subscribed by 302 hands, representing it as the desire of the the lesser part of that Session, but far greater part of the Congregation, to have Messrs Jo^{n} Cochran & Willm Hair candidates in their own bounds settled among them; that as they are a large and able congregation, it may be a collegiate charge; and that in order to their being thus settled, they may be disannexed from the Presby of Derry, and put under the care of the Presby of Letterkenny. Parties being heard, & removed, the Synod reasoned on the affair. After which, it was

agreed that the whole of it be returned to the Presby of Derry with correspondents from the Presbyteries of Colraine, Letterkenny & Strabane; the correspondents to be Messrs Saml Dunlop, Wm Boyd, Victor Ferguson, Willm McBeath, Ch. Lynd & Ja^{s} Cochran. S^{d} Presby to meet at Derry, the 2^{d} Tuesday of July.

Castle-Dawson. A Commiss^{n} and Supplication from Castle-Dawson was presented to this Synod by Jo^{n} Johnston, desiring that the bounds of that congregation on the side towards Maghrefelt may be adjusted, and ascertained.

It was agreed that a Joint Committee from the Presbyteries of Tyrone and Colraine meet at Castle-Dawson the first Tuesday of August next, in order to the settliug of that affair. The members to be from Colraine: Messrs Robt Wirling, Ja^{s} McCreight & Dav. Smylie; from Tyrone: Messrs Ja^{s} Orr, Robt Stewart & Ch. Caldwell.

Bangor Presby. It was moved, and supplicated by the Presby of Bangor that, as they are few in number, and several of their members valetudinary, Messrs Moorhead, Patton & Hastie may be joined from the Presby of T.Patk. The Synod is satisfyed to grant their request, provided the Brethren, whom the Presby of Bangor ask, are willing so to do, and it is the opinion of this Synod that they should do it.

Bovidy A Supplication from Bovidy was presented to this Synod by Ja^{s} Ker, complaining that their congregation had been greatly weakened by defalcations made on both ends of it; and altho 10 lib ℔ annum of the fund had been allowed them, yet so ill have the payments been, that no less than 55 lib of arrear is due to them in a very short time, so that they are reduced to very deploreable circumstances, and are afraid that by their weakness they shall be deprived of Gospel ordinances. The Synod considering that this deficiency is occasioned by the negligence, or unwillingness, of several congregations in the Presby of Colraine, agreed that a letter from this Synod be wrote to those congregations, pressing them to do justice to Bovidy and Mr Wirling, which was done accordingly.

Adjourned to 4 afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 7ma Hora 4ta post meridiem. Post preces &c.

Mr Welsh moved—That whereas it is said in the Minute of last year that there was no ground for Mr Welshes allegation that Jos. Kinkead had sworn a false oath, this matter might be resum'd, and on a fair hearing, he (Mr. Welsh) is ready to support by undenyable evidence what he then asserted.

Mr Allex^{r} McCombe represented to this Synod that as he had taken the late Mr Saml Hemphill out of the Sheriff's hands, and having become bound for the summe of 50 lib, had no way now left to recover the same. This Synod orders that what fund money may be due to sd Mr Hemphill shall be applied to the payment of this debt; and also his portion of R.D. while the Synod thinks fit to continue it, to the Congregation of Castle-Blaney.

The Mod^{r} concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloqr 1. of Minrs only.

Die Jovis. June ye 18th 1741. *Hora* 8va *mane.*

It was moved that an Inquiry be made concerning the diligence and faithfulness of our Treasurer in transmitting the R.D. to the several Presbyteries. Several Bn spoke on this subject; and it was agreed to delay the farther consideration of this affair till another Interloqr when it's hop'd, Mr Lang our Treasurer will be present.

Ordered that Mrs Wilson of Stranolar shall have a portion of the ordry R.D. and that the mid summer Qr 1740 shall be the first payment, our Clk to return her name to the Treasurer and her mony to be paid to the Presby of Letterkenny.

Ordered that a double portion of R.D. be continued to Ban-Breaky. Mr Jon Holmes generously gives up his claim and title to the double portion, from and after Mid-Summer next.

This Interloqr appoints the following Bn namely Messrs Saml Dunlop, Victr Ferguson, Jon Stirling, Ch. Lynd, Jon Carlisle, Jon Gibson, Jon Maxwell, Allexr Brown, Jas McCullogh, Allexr McLane, & Hugh Henry, to draw a list of the Persons entitled to the Ordry R.D. that it may be given as a direction to our Treasurer: and that they bring in this list to next Interloqr.

A Letter from the Presby of Dublin was read, wherein they propose a gratuity of Irish table linnen, to the value of 20 lib: be given to the Lady of Mr Gibson in London, for his having served us generously and faithfully in solliciting & transmitting the addl R.D. these several years past: of which the above Presby are willing to contribute 10 lib: This Interloqr readily agrees to contribute the other 10 lib, and will give order to our Mreasurer to pay it, when demanded by sd Presby.

Mr Jos Hemphill complains, that tho he was paid something out of the Fund, yet he has been some time agoe, struck off, he represents the weak state of his Congregation, and supplicates that he may be allowed some share of sd Fund: and that the Pby of Strabane may be appointed to pay whatever proportion this Interloqr shall think fit to allow him. The Interloqr adviseth that he attend the Committee of Funds, and orders sd Committee to take this affair under their consideration, and try what relief can be made for Mr Hemphill.

Interloqr 2. of Minrs only.

Die Veneris. June ye 19th 1741. *Hora Septima Mane.*

The Committee appointed by the former Interloqr did not bring in any list to this. Resolved to make one now, and that the several Presbyteries give in the names of such widows, in their respective bounds, as are entitled to the ordry R.D. that it may be transmitted by our Clk to the Treasurer. Which was now done accordingly,

July ye 9th 1741. JON. COCHRAN, C.S.G.

A General Synod at Dungannon June ye 15th 1742.

Mr Hugh Wallace, Modr of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Gal. 1. 23-24 and then constituted it by prayer. After which Sedt Ministers and ruling Elders from the several Presbyteries as follows, viz:

Ministers.	Elders.
Tyrone Presby.	
Thos. Kennedy	Thos. Haliday
Jon M'Leve	Ralph Bety
Hugh Wallace	Mr Jon Givean
Jon Kennedy	Jon Reid
Robt. Stewart	Jos Robison
Jas. Orr	Dav. Young
Jon Gibson	Andr. Wilson
Letterkenny Presby	
Jon Holmes	
Jos M'Gaughie	
Wm. Wilson	
Derry Presby.	
Jon Stirling	Jos Davie
Jon Montgomrie	
Thos. Bond	Morris M'Connel
Hen. Areskine	Thos. Duglass
Jon Hood	
Bangor Presby.	
Saml. Sims	Jon Mathews
Saml. Allexr	Allexr. Anderson
Killileagh Presby.	
Gilbt. Kennedy	
Allexr. M'Combe	Jon Stitt
Dublin Presby.	
Hu. Henry	
Jas. Smith	Mr Wm. Simson
Monaghan Presby.	
Bapt. Boyd	
Allexr. Fleming	
Wm. Hare	
Patk. Plunket	
Jon Carlisle	
Neth. Glasgow	
Jas. Hamilton	
Wm. Ambrose	

Ministers.	Elders.
T. Patk Presby.	
Jas. Cobham	
Allexr. Brown	Mr Clot. Brown
Robt Higinbothom	
Jas. White	Thos. M'Ilwain
Jas. Fraser	Jon Brown
Tim. White	Wm. Whiteford
Wm. Thomson	Jas. White
Jon Hastie	
Jon Thomson	Wm. Martin
Jon Brown	
Strabane Presby.	
Andr. Welsh	
Wm. Armstrong	Andr. Picken
Coleraine Presby.	
Ch. Lynd	Jon Chesnut
Jon Cochran	
Robt. Knox	
Jon Orr	Mr Jas. Todd
Jon Hill	Jas. Patton
Jon Thomson	Mr Allexr. Millar
Jas. M'Creight	Jos. Wylie
Dav. Smylie	Robt. Elliot
Jas. Cochran	
Robt. Brown	Wm. Creath
Armagh Presby.	
Gilbt. Kennedy	Jas. Henry
Robt. Gordon	Jos. Nisbit
Jon Menagh	
Geo. Cherrie	Thos. Roundtree
Jas. Allen	Robt. Dickson
Jon King	Jon Mophet
Robt. Thomson	Wm. Weare
Jon Maxwell	Mr Wm. Couser
Jas. Moodie	

It was moved by the Mod^{r} that another be chosen to succeed him, the following Bretheren were proposed as a leet—namely, Messrs. Jas. Fraser, Jo^{n} Kennedy, Jo^{n}. M'Gaughie, Robt. Gordon, Jo^{n} Orr, Jas. Smith, Wm Hare, & Jo^{n} Carlisle. The Roll was called, & Mr Fraser was chosen. And Jo^{n} Cochran was continued Clerk. Modr. chosen & Clk. continued.

Ordered that the several Presbyteries meet this night and prepare Returns, to be given to the Clerk, to-morrow morning, of their Members for the respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, revising Sub-Synod book, Fund, and the Genl Synod's Fixed Comittee: with an account of such Ministers as have dyed, been ordained, Installed, Licensed, entered on Tryals, or about to be entered on Tryals, since last Synod.

Ordered that all the Members of this Synod meet at 7 to-morrow morning for prayer, and continue till 9 when open Synod shall be. Order for prayer

Concluded with prayer.

Die Mercurij. Hora 9na *Mane,* after prayer, *Sed^{t} qui supra.* Sess. 2da

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The Presbyteries made returns to the Clk, as appointed last night.

The Presbyterie of Letterkenny report that they have licensed Mr. Willm Laird, who subscribed according to order, that they have Installed Mr Robt. Wirling in Donoghedie Augt ye 13th 1741, & that Mr Francis Laird dyed June ye 7th 1742. Ordained, Dead, Licensed, &c.

Derry Presby report that they licensed Mr Jo^{n} Ker, who subscribed, that they ordained Hen. Areskine at Drumacose May ye 4th 1742, and Mr Jno. Hood at L. Derry June ye 10th 1742. They both subscribed.

Bangor Presby report that they have licensed M^{r}. Wm. Dunn, who subscribed; that they have ordained M^{r}. Hugh Dickson at Grey-abby, Jan^{r} ye 13th 1741/2, and Mr Saml Allexander at Castle-reagh, Jan^{r} ye 26th 1741-2. They both subscribed, and that Mr. Wm Smith Dyed Octr ye 1st 1741.

Armagh Presby report that they have entered Messrs Michael Henry & Wm Thomson on 2^{d} tryals; that they have ordained Mr Jo^{n} Mulligan at Port-norris, May ye 5th 1742, who subscribed, and that Thos Creighton dyed Decr ye 29th 1741.

The Presby of T. Patk. report that they have entered Mr. John Martin on first tryals.

Strabane Presby report that they have licensed Messrs Jas. Ker & Benj. Holmes, who both subscribed, and have ordained M^{r} Wm. Armstrong at Donoghedie July ye 21st 1741, who also subscribed.

Coleraine Presby report that they have entered Messrs Jo^{n} Strong & Jo^{n} Love on first Tryals, and have licensed Messrs Jas. Todd and Ch. M'Collum, who both subscribed.

Monaghan Presby report that they have entered Messrs Jas. Gordon & Allex^{r} Wadsworth on first Tryals, and Mr Hugh Mulligan on 2d Tryals, and have licensed M^{r} Wm. Spratt, who subscribed.

Synod's fixed Commit.

The Members of the Genl Synod's Fixed Committee are:—For Tyrone, Messrs Thos & Jo^{n}. Kennedy, Mr Jas. M'Mullan, Eld^{r}; For Letterkenny, Messrs Luke Ashe & Jo^{n} M'Gaughie, Mr Jo^{n} Laird, Eld^{r}; For Derry, Messrs And^{r} Ferguson & Dav. Harvey, Mr Neth. Allex^{r} Eld^{r}; For Bangor, Messrs Robt Cuningham, Saml Allex^{r}, Mr Neth. Wilson, Eld^{r}; For Killileagh, Messrs Gilb^{t} Kennedy & Allex^{r} M'Combe,; For Armagh, Messrs Gilb^{t} Cennedy Senr & Jo^{n} King, Mr Jo^{n} Campble, Eld^{r}; For T.Patk, Mr Jas. White. Mr Robt Wilson, Eld^{r}; For Strabane, Messrs Jo^{s} Hemphill & Willm M'Beath, Mr Jas. Knox, Eld^{r}; For Coleraine, Messrs Dav. Smylie & Jas. Cochran, & Mr Jackson Clark, Eld^{r}; For Dublin, no return; For Monaghan, Messrs Patk. Plunket & Wm. Ambrose, Mr Saml Smith Eld^{r}? These with our Mod^{r} & Clk, are to meet at Dungannon when called by ye Mod^{r} on any emergent, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least to be Ministers.

Absents excused

Absent from this Synod, and excused, are Messrs. Hugh Sharp, Saml. Dunlop, Luke Ashe, Thos. Harvey, Jas. Stewart, Ch: Masterton, Fran. Montgomrie, Neth. Orr, Saml. Shannon, Jas. Reid, Wm. Smith, James Johnstown, Wm. Livingstown, Wm. Henderson, Jas. Maxwell, Allex^{r} M'Crackan, Hen: Neill, Robt. M'Bride, James Thomson, Fran: Ross, Jo^{n} Allex^{r}, Humph: Thomson and Geo. Carson.

Not excused

Absent and no excuse from them, are Messrs Ch: Caldwell, Wm. Boyd, Dav: Fairly, Robt Wirling, Maj^{r} Murray, Nin: Cochran, Thos. Strawbridge, And^{r} Ferguson, Dav: Harvey, Jo^{n}. Lisle, Dav: Walker, Robt. Cuningham, And^{r} Malcolm, Ja^{s} Maxwell Stewart, Ja^{s} M'Cullogh, Hugh Dickson, Hugh Williamson, Saml Forgie, Thos. Scott, Jas. Armstrong, And^{r} Kennedy, Geo. Ferguson, Jo^{n} Mulligan, Willm Patton, Thos Crawford, Wm. Holmes, Jo^{n}. Moorhead, Thos. Brown, Jo^{n} M'Connell, Jo^{n} Lewson, Vict^{r} Ferguson, Neh. Donaldson, Jos. Hemphill, Jas. Smith, Wm. M'Beath, Jas. M'Curdie, Jo^{n} Semple, Robt. M'Master, Jas. Bond, And^{r} Dean, Jo^{n} Algeo, Allex^{r} M'Kye, Jas. Clark, and Dav. Hutchison.

This Synod resolves to make a voluntary contribution for the relief of Mr Dalrymple, at some proper time, before the conclusion of it.

Next Synod.

Next Genl Synod to meet at Antrim the 3^{d} Tuesday of June 1743, Sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon.

The People of Donoghedie who adhere to Mr Armstrong have, since last Synod, subjected themselves to the Presby of Strabane, & thereby to this Synod.

The Presby of Derry with Correspondents, did meet, as appointed at last Synod on the affair of Glen-Dermont, but did not issue it.

C. Dawson

The Committee appointed last year, did not meet at Castle-Dawson for adjusting the limits between that Congregation and Maghrefelt. It

appears now to this Synod that the people have divided themselves, and thereby fixed the mearings between these Congregations which the Synod agrees to.

The Bretheren in the Presby of T.Patk., viz: Messrs. Moorhead, Patton, & Hastie who were allowed, if they pleased, to join the Presby of Bangor, were not willing to be disjoined from the Presby of T.Patk.

Some particulars relating to the Fund, are referred to the Interloq^{r} of the whole House, at its first Sederunt.

Ordered that the several Committees meet immediately at their usual places.

Adjourned to 3 afternoon, & concluded with prayer.

Hora 3^{tia} post meridiem. After prayer. *Sed^{t} qui Supra.* Sess. 3^{tia}

The Revisers of the Sub-Synod Books make report that they are satisfyed with them, and so is this Synod. They were signed by ye Mod^{r} & Clk. Sub Synod books approved.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Omagh representing the melancholy circumstances they are reduced to, by an accidental fire, which has consumed the greatest part of their worldly substance, was laid before this Synod, wherein they pray, that as the Government has recommended them to the several householders in the Kingdom, that this Synod would order each Minister to give previous notice to their respective Congregations, and appoint one or more persons to go from house to house, when they shall apply for sd charity. The Synod agrees to assist, as far as they may, to make this charity effectual. Omagh.

Mr Welsh complains that several of the persons, who belong to the new Erection in Ardstra, have not paid the arrear due to him as ordered in the Limitations last year. In regard this affair is contested, the Synod appoints the Presbyteries of Letterkenny & Strabane to appoint two Members from each, to meet as a committee, aud assist in adjusting their accounts, the last Wednesday of July next. Ardstra.

A Supplication from Loghbrickland was presented to this Synod by Jas. Murray, And^{r} Todd, &c., desiring that Messrs. Jas. Armstrong & Jo^{n} Cochran may be appointed to supply there for some time. Mr Cochran offered some reasons why he cannot comply with their request. The Synod, after reasoning upon this affair, judge that this supplication cannot now be granted, but recommend it to that Congregation to discount with the late Mr Langs Exec^{rs} and pay, or secure what arrear they owe, and then upon their applying to the Presbytery of Coleraine, or any other Presby, with the concurrence of the Presby of Armagh, they shall be gratified in their desire, as far as may be convenient. Loghbrickland.

From Glen-Dermont appeared Mr Willm Bond, &c., Commiss^{rs} prosecuting an appeal from the Presby of Derry, w^{c} met with correspondents, at the appointment of last Genl Synod; which Presby, they alledge, had set up Jo^{n}. Cochran and Willm Hare, tho it appeared the two thirds of the Congregation were not for them whereas they, Glen-Dermont.

the appellants, had supplicated sd Presby, before taking any Poll, to allow them some foreign supplyes. The Minute of ye Presby from which sd appeal was made, was read; and likewise ye reasons of appeal, and the Presby was heard in answer to sd reasons. Messrs. Robt. Hall, &c., Commrs. presented a supplication, representing that Mr Cochran had now declined accepting an invitation from that Congregation, or standing a candidate to be their Minister, and that there are 378 heads of families for Mr Hare, as appears from the Minutes of a Committee of the Presby of Derry; and that the Partie on the other side was very inconsiderable: they therefore request that this Synod would order Mr Hare's settlement among them to be forwarded in a regular way, and that he be appointed their constant supplyer in the meantime.

Mr Bond and his Partie Supplicate that some members of the Synod be appointed to converse with these Commrs in private; the Synod agrees, and appoints Messrs. Gilbt Kennedy, Senr, Allexr Brown, Jas. Cobham, Jas. White, Thos Kennedy, & Jon Carlisle, for that purpose, and orders them to bring in an Overture on the whole of this affair: and farther, that if anything offered in private, by Mr Bond, affect ye merits of the cause, that then before they come to resolutions upon it, the other Partie shall have an opportunity to be heard also.

Monaghan.

From Monaghan appeared Messrs. Dacre Hamilton, & Jon Porter, Commrs., supplicating that Mr Jon Marshal, may be appointed by this Synod as their constant supplyer till next Genl Synod, if that Presby does not before yt time, see cause to have him fixed among them as their Pastor; the granting of wc request they hope will be an happy expedient for healing their divisions.

Messrs. Thos Nisbit, Jon Sims, &c., Commrs from part of that Congregation supplicate that Mr Jon Hood, or such other supplyers as they shall mention, may be granted to them in order to their being better united. Both parties were heard, and being removed, the Synod reasoned on the affair; after wh it was agreed that Mr Marshal shall supply them for 8 Sabbaths next immediately ensuing; and that the Presby of Monaghan, in case that people in that time, do not fall in with him, shall have power to call such two other Probationers, as the other part of that Congregation shall desire, for one month each, and if in that time, they do not agree, their own Presby shall still have power to call for such Probationers from other Presbyteries, from time to time, till next Synod as the Congregatian shall desire.

Glen-Dermont.

The Committee who went out on the affair of Glendermont now make report, that they conversed with both Parties, & also with Mr Hare, after which, they overture. 1st That the major part who adhere to Mr Hare, be advised by this Synod to drop him, and try to unite with their Brethren, who oppose his settlement, in another. And if this cannot be done, then they overture 2ly That the Presby of Derry be advised to try ye ability of the minor Partie, and if they find them capable to maintain a Minister, they shall then have power to erect them. The Synod reasoned on the above overtures; after which the

first was voted and & approved; and the Mod^{r} advised the major part to drop Mr Hare.

Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning; the Interloq^{r} of ye whole house at 7.

Concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis hora 9na *mane.* After prayer, &c.

The affair of Glendermont was now resumed, and Mr Bond with his fellow Commiss^{rs} observed to the Synod, that they were very unwilling to have the Congregation divided, and therefore pray that it may be a Collegiate charge, and that as the other part have fixed on one Candidate, they may have the libertie to choose another, whom they propose also to pay. The other Partie opposed this. It was moved, and agreed to by the Synod, that this be refer'd to the Presby of Derry with Correspondents, and that it be recommended to that Presby, that if they find that People willing to fall in with the above proposal, then they shall proceed to the fixing them in a Collegiate way: but if the major part will not comply, then the 2^{d} Overture of last night shall take place. That Presby is to meet at Glendermont the first Tuesday of Augt next, the Correspondents to be, from Letterkenny, Messrs Dunlop & Boyd, from Strabane, Messrs Ferguson & Smith, from Coleraine, Messrs Jo^{n} Thomson & Smylie. The Presby of Derry to allow the minor Partie such supplyes as they shall desire till their next stated meeting. Glen-Dermt.

An appeal from a sentence of the Presby of Armagh, whereby that Presby had recommended a call from Drumbanaghar to Mr Mich. Henry, which call was subscribed by only 73 persons, & 80 were against it, was given in to the Synod by Messrs Gilb^{t} Kennedy and Jo^{n} King, members of s^{d} Presby: and was read. The minutes of ye Presby of Armagh, relating to that affair, were also read as also the reasons of appeal, and answers to them. Appeal from Armagh Pby.

A Commission from Drumbanaghar to Jo^{n} Irwine, &c., empowering them to prosecute their call to Mr Henry, & subscribed by 155 persons was also read. The reasons of appeal and answers were again read paragraph by paragraph; the Appellants and Presby were heard: the former alledged, in their reasons, some scruples they had with respect to ye Candidate's soundness, & steadiness, as also some things in the circumstances of Drumbanaghar. The Presby alledged several things by way of answer.

Another supplication from a part of that Congregation was presented by Jas. Seewright and subscribed by a considerable number of hands, desiring to be disannexed from it, for w^{c} they also offered several reasons. Parties were removed, and the Synod reasoned on the affair, and then appointed Messrs. Cobham, Allex^{r} Brown, Thos. Kennedy, and Jo^{n} Carlisle to go out, and form some overtures upon it, to be brought in afternoon.

Adjourned to 4. Committee to meet at 3.

Concluded w^{t} pray^{r}

Hora 4ta post meridiem, &c.

Sess. 5ta

The Committee in the affair of Drumbanaghar now brought in Overtures on it, wc were read, and are as follows, viz:—

Overt. 1. That the People who have subscribed to the support of Mr Mich. Henry, but have not subscribed the Call, shall have an opportunity offered them to subscribe the Call in an orderlie and regular way.

Overt. 2. That this being done, for anything that has appeared to the Synod, we see no reason why the Presby of Armagh may not proceed to the settlement of Mr. Henry in Drumbanaghar, according to the Synodical acts provided in such cases.

Overt 3. That pains be taken with the Partie who desire to be disannexed; that they continue to worship with their Bretheren, but if they cannot be prevailed with, in that case they shall be allowed to worship, where they shall see fit to join themselves, they paying up their proportion of congregationall debts that may be due to Mrs. Heslem before they leave it; and that they who go off shall have their seats.

These Overtures were approved by the Synod.

Pby. of Armagh.

A motion was made by some members of the Presby of Armagh that this Synod would allow and confirm a division of that Presby. The Synod considering that the Tryal of this affair at this time would in all likelyhood be attended with ill consequences, appointed the following Bretheren—namely, Messrs. Cobham, Allexr Brown, Hu: Henry, Thos. Kennedy, Jon Stirling, and Jas. White to go out and form some Overture upon it.

Dunluce.

From Dunluce appeared Adam Aul, Commr, representing that, as the Synod of Derry had recommended them to the care of the Presby of Rout, in case there was a considerable majority in that congregation for Mr. Willm. Hare: that they had applyed to sd Presby, since the Synod, but were not regarded; and therefore pray for relief from this Synod. The Commr was heard, and also the Presby, and the Synod refer'd them back again to their own Presby to take a new Poll of that People, if they, the Presby, see it necessary for the peace of that Congregation.

Vinicash.

A sppplication from Vinicash was laid before this Synod representing the inability of that congregation to support a minister, and requesting that the proportion of the Fund which was granted them in their late minister's time may be continued to them, and that it be paid by the same congregations as formerlie. This was agreed to *nemine contradicente*.

Bailieborrough.

A supplication from Bailieborrough was read, wherein they set forth that as two considerable towns were taken from them, and joined to Oldcastle and elsewhere, whereby they were greatly weakened, and therefore pray yt they may be relieved from paying any of the Fund for the future unless sd Towns be oblidged to return to Bailieborrough,

and that the arrear due by one of these Towns—viz., Aghnacloghfin, before they parted from them, may be paid. The Synod orders sd arrear to be paid, and recommends it to Bailieborrough, to contribute to the Fund, as they are able; and that the Presby of Monaghan, at their first meeting, endeavour to adjust that whole affair.

Wm. Maxwell

Willm Maxwell, a member of the congregation of Lisluny, supplicates that this Synod would disannex him from Mr. Ambrose's Ministry, and allow him to join elsewhere, he offered some allegations to support his request The Synod considered this affair, and allowed Mr. Ambrose and his Session to grant him a dismiss, provided he make application for it, and pay what stipend may be due by him, to the time of his making such demand, and that the ground on which he lives be still deemed to be in the bounds of Lisluny congregation.

Armagh Pby.

The Committee that went out to consider the motion with respect to the division of Armagh Presby being now returned, make report that they have laboured in that affair with both parties, but to no purpose; however, they brought in an Overture, w^c was read, and is as follows, viz.:—Overt: That, whereas it appears that the great reason of desiring ye separation was occasioned by a late debate that happened in ye Presby of Armagh concerning Mr Mich. Henry, his settlement in Drumbanaghar, which debate occasioned an appeal of some Bretheren to the General Synod, and which debate or appeal has been this day discussed in the Synod. The above brethren, in order to restore as much as in them lyes the peace of sd. Presby, doe overture that this Synod would disannex the congregation of Drumbanaghar, together with the young Gentleman called by them, and make their request that the Presby of Killeleagh do take sd candidate and congregation under their care; at the same time certifying that notwithstanding what has been allegded against him, his character stands fair in the eyes of the General Synod, he being unanimously acquitt of what was laid to his charge. It was proposed as an amendment bv the Synod that they shall, at least for one year, continue together, and that if during that time they cannot think of living together with satisfaction, they may in an amicable manner endeavour to prepare, of themselves, an Overture against next Synod for their parting in peace. Upon a debate the question was put—viz., Shall we pass the Overture with the amendment or without it? The Roll was called, and it carried to pass the Overture with the amendment by a great majority. Parties being call'd, the Overture was read to them, and the Mod^r exhorted them to peace and love.

Mr Dalrymple.

The Synod at this Sed^t made a charitable contribution for Mr. Dalrymple.

Adjourned to 7 to-morrow morning. Concluded w^t prayer.

Die Veneris, Hora 7ma mane, after prayer, &c.

Commit. of Overtures.

The Committee of Overtures brought in the following ones to this Sed^t w^c were read, and are as follows, namely:—

Overt: 1

Overt: 1. That whereas the divisions of vacant congregations have sometimes happened by undue encouragement given by Preachers to such as favoured their settlement among them, it is resolved by this Synod, that if any candidate for the ministry, or Preacher among us shall for the future give any encouragement to any Partie in a vacant congregation, farther than is allowed by his Presby, and suitable to Presbyterial government, and doth not discourage all such divisions as may hurt the peace thereof; that such Probationer or Preacher shall be censured at the discretion of his Presby.

2d.

Overt: 2d. That if any Candidate or Candidates join w^{t} a vacant congregation, or any part of a vacant congregation, and apply to a Presby desiring Ordination, that if upon the Presbyteries refusing s^{d} request, he or they apply to any association not belonging to the General Synod for such Ordination without complaining to some of our Synods for redress, and if any minister or ministers of this Synod shall countenance or assist in such irregular application, or have communion with them, he or they shall be censured as the General Synod shall think fit.

3.

Overt: 3d. That when it shall happen that any minister of the General Synod shall be deposed, it shall not be in the power of any particular Presby or Sub-Synod to restore such an one to ye exercise of the ministry again, without the consent of the General Synod.

4.

Overt: 4th. That whereas there has been a complaint, and many ministers are at a loss to how to conduct themselves, in several cases, for want of the knowledge of many of our Rules: Resolved—That all books and Records of this Synod be enquired for, and transmitted to our Clk. that he, at his leisure, may extract, and put together the Rules that this Synod hath made from time to time; and that he shall give account of all such books as come to his hand, in order to have their number entered into our Records, to prevent their being lost for the future; and that our Clerk extract as many as he conveniently can before next General Synod.

5.

Overt: 5th. That the old Act of this Synod, which, of late, has gone so much into disuse, be revised and observed—namely, that all the ministers belonging to this Synod take care to have all persons orderlie proclaimed, in their respective congregations, three several days of publick worship, before they proceed to marry them.

These Overtures were severally considered and approved by the Synod *nem: contradicente.*

The Mod^{r} concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq^{r} 1.

June ye 17th, *Interloq^{r}* of the whole house.

Sligo

A Letter from Mr. Luke Ashe complaining that several congregations are in arrear of the Fund to Sligo, was read. The Interloq^{r} enquired into this, and find that Newtown Lemmavadie owes for 6 years, £9 0s 0d; St. Johnstown for 4 years, £4 0s 0d; Donoghedie for 2 years, £2 0s 0d; Burt for 3 years, £3 0s 0d; Letterkenny for

2 years, £2 0s 0d; Castle Dawson only for this June, £1 5s 0d; and Bellykelly for this year. It is recommended to the several Presbyteries where these congregations lye, that they use all proper diligence for having justice done to Sligo, and make report to next Synod. It is farther ordered that, as part of Newtown, where some of this arrear is due, is not now subject to this Synod, Mr Victor Ferguson write to them, and Mr Lynd write to the other part there; Mr Stirling write to St. Johnstown; Mr Jno Holmes to Mr Wirlings, and Mr Welsh to Mr Armstrong's congregation in Donoghedie; Mr Thos Bond to Burt; and Mr Willm. Wilson to Letterkenny.

A Letter from Ld Blaynie to this Synod was read; wherein he presseth that justice may be done to Mrs Hemphill, in paying the arrear of the Fund that was due to her late husband. It appears that there is a considerable difference in the accounts given by her, and that given by the Committee of the Fund; as this arrear is mostly due by the Presby of Monaghan, ordered that Mr McCombe attend the first meeting of that Presbytery with the accounts of Mrs. Hemphill, and that, then, they use diligence to have that affair adjusted. Messrs. Carlisle and Ambrose are appointed to bring to the next Sedt a draught of a civil Letter to Ld Blaynie, which was done accordingly, and subscribed by the Modr. Ld Blaynie.

Mr Willm. Wilson complains that there is near £40 0s 0d of the Fund due to Moy-water; and that he has not above £10 0s 0d of stipend ℔ annum from his own congregation. Moy-water.

It is recommended to the several Presbyteries where this money may be due that they take care to excite any congregations in their respective bounds, who owe any Fund to Moy-water, that they may speedily pay it.

The Presby of Monaghan are enjoined, at their first meeting, to enquire into the arrear of the Fund that may be due to Old-Castle. Old-Castle.

June ye 18th. *Hora 9na Ante Meridiem.*

Interloqr of Ministers only.

Setttled some accounts with Mr. Lang, our Treasurer, concerning ordry R.D.

It is observed by this Interloqr that the addl R.D., tho paid in London, is, when come to Ireland, less than the originall grant. Ordered that Mr Jas. Smith, with Mr Lang, go to Mr Choppin, and enquire what light he can give in this matter.

It was moved, and agreed to, that the names of Ministers' Widows that are poor, and have not had hitherto a portion of Ordry R.D. shall now be entered in our Minutes; that the several Presbyteries may consider of and return such as they shall judge needfull, to next Synod, even tho the congregations, where their Husbands served, be planted. In Tyrone Presby Mrs Dykes and Mrs Tombs; in Letterkenny, Mrs Drummond; in Bangor, Mrs Cochran; in Minrs Widows.

Armagh, Mrs. M'Lane of Markethill, and Mrs. Wallace of Morn; in T.Patk. Mrs. Crawford; in Coleraine, Mrs. Stirling and Mrs. Fowler.

Ordered that Mr. Jon. Montgomrie, late of Malin, be paid his arrear of R.D. out of the first that comes to hand.

JON. COCHRAN, Clk. G.S.

July ye 1st, 1742.

A General Synod at Antrim, June 21st, 1743.

Mr Jas. Fraser, Moderator of the preceding Synod, opened this by preaching from Coll. 1. 7, and then constituted it by prayer. After which Sedt Minrs and Ruling Elders from the respective Presbyteries as follow, namely—

Letterkenny Presby.		Killeleagh Presby.	
Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Saml. Dunlop		Hu: Williamson	
Willm. Boyd		Thos. Scott	
Jon Holmes		Allexr M'Combe	Allexr Donaldson
Willm Wilson		Jas. Armstrong	
		Michael Henry	
Derry Pby.		Armagh Pby.	
Jon Stirling	Robt Martin		
Andr Ferguson		Gilbt. Kennedy	Jas Henry
Dav. Harvey	Mr Jon Lewis	Jon Menogh	
Jon Lisle	Willm. Miller	Geo. Cherry	
Dav. Walker		Jas Allen	Robt. Dickson
Hen. Areskine	Thos. Duglass	Jon King	Fr. Bety
Willm. Hare	Thos. Bety	Robt. Thomson	Jas. Barber
		Jon Maxwell	Mr Jas. Chalmers
Bangor Pby.		Jas. Moodie	
		Geo. Ferguson	
Ch. Masterton	Mr Jas. Archibald	Jon Mulligan	Thos. Gilliland
Robt. Cuningham	Jon Bradley	Willm. Thomson	Jon Raphfield
Andr. Malcolm	Mr Wm. Davison		
Jas. M'Cullogh	Jas Orr	Strabane Pby.	
Saml. Sims	Saml Holiday		
Hugh Dickson	Willm. Warnock	Victr Ferguson	
Saml. Allexr	Hugh Spratt	Jas. Smith	Jon Anderson
Jas. Huey		Willm. M'Beath	
Jas. Rainy		Willm. Armstrong	Ch. Pike

T. Patk. Preby.

Jas. Cobham
Allexr Brown
Wm. Livingstone
Jas. White
Jas. Fraser
Willm. Patton
Tim. White
Wm. Thomson
Thos. Crawford
Wm. Holmes
Jon Moorhead
Jon Thomson
Thos. Brown
Willm. Henderson
Jon. M'Connel
Jon. Lewson

Jon Moor
Jas Johnston
Mr Paul Brown
Jon Davison
Thos. Blair

Robt. Blackely
Robt. Allen
Archd Hunter
Mr Wm. M'Conchy
Thos. Steele
Jon Robinson
Jon M'Killop

Geo. Grier
Robt. Steele

Dublin Pby.

Robt. M'Master

Monaghan Pby.

Bapt. Boyd
Willm. Hare
Jas. Hamilton
Geo. Carson
Hugh Mulligan

Tyrone Pby.

Thos Kennedy
Hu: Wallace
Jon Kennedy
Jon Gibson
Ch. Caldwell

Saml. Sloan

Jon Wilson
Andr Glendinning

Colerain or Rout Pby.

Robt. M'Bride
Jon Cochran
Jon Orr
Jon Hill
Jas M'Creight
Dav. Smylie
Jas M'Curdie
Jon Semple
Jas Cochran
Gidn Neilson
Robt Henry

Jas. Ranald
Mr Jon Strong
Robt. Hamill
Rodger O'Hara
Jas. M'Allan
Mr Jackson Clark
Robt. Edmistone
Allexr. Wright
Willm. Parker
Jas. Kilpatrick
Bolton Boyle

Mr Fraser moved that another be chosen to succeed him as Modr to this Synod. The following Bretheren were named as a leet, viz: Messrs. Tim. White, Jon Moorhead, Jon Gibson, Jon Kennedy, John Menogh, Jas. Alen, Jon Orr, Jon Hill, Victr Ferguson, Jas. Smith, Jon Lisle, Baptt Boyd, Geo. Carson, Andr Malcolm, Robt Cuningham, Hu. Williamson, & Allexr McCombe. The Roll was called and Mr Tim. White was chosen. And Jon Cochran was continued Clk *nemine contradicente.* Modr. & Clk.

Ordered that the several Presbyteries meet this night, and prepare returns, to be given to the Clk. to-morrow morning of their several members for their respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, and the Gen. Synod's fixed Committee; with an account of such ministers as have dyed, been ordained, installed, licensed, entered on Tryals, or about to be entered on Tryals since last Synod.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet at 7 to-morrow morning, for prayer, and continue till 9, when open Synod shall begin. Prayer.

Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 2da. *Die Mercurij Hora Nona Mane*, after prayer *Sedt. qui supra.*

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The several Presbyteries made Returns to the Clk as appointed last night.

Ordained. The Presby of Letterkenny have licensed Mr Hu. M'Crackan, who subscribed, and have entered Mr. Jon Kinkead on first tryals. They report that Mr Luke Ashe dyed in Augt 1742.

Licensed Derry Presby have ordained Mr Willm. Hare at Glendermott, March ye first, 1742/3, who subscribed, and have entered Mr Jon White on first tryals.

Entered on Tryals. Bangor Presby have ordained Mr Jas. Huey at Newtown Clanebuys July ye 6th, 1742; and Mr Jas. Rainy at St. field March the 8th, 1742/3, who both subscribed, and have entered Mr Jas. Jackson on first tryals. They report that Mr Jas. Max: Stewart dyed June the 2nd 1743.

Dead.

Killeleagh Presby. have ordained Mr Michl. Henry at Drumbannaghar, Octr ye 20th, 1742, who subscribed, and have entered Mr Warnock on first Tryals.

Armagh Presby have ordained Mr Willm. Thomson at Magheraly, Octr ye 20th 1742, who subscribed, and have entered Mr Jas. M'Minn on first, and Mr Geo: Henry on 2d Tryals.

T. Patk. Presby report that they have licensed Mr Jon. Martin, who subscribed, and that Mr Jon Hastings dyed Apr ye 6th, 1743.

Strabane Presby have entered Mr Ch. Gay on first tryals.

Rout Presby have ordained Mr Gidn Neilson at Finvoy Nov. the 9th 4742; and Mr Robt Henry at Castle-Dawson June ye 7th, 1743, have licensed Messrs. Jon Love and Jon. Strong, they all subscribed, and have entered Messrs. Fr. O'Bryan and Allexr. Miller on first Tryals.

Monaghan Presby have ordained Mr Hu. Mulligan at Bailieborrough July the 27th, 1742; have licensed Messrs. Allexr. Wadsworth and Jas. Gordon, who all subscribed; they also report that Mr Nethl Glasgow dyed in Apr 1743.

Mr. Jon. King. Mr Jon King produced credentials of his being licensed to preach ye Gospel, by the Revd. Presby of Warringtown in Gt Brittain, and others from several Bretheren in N. Brittain, of his learning and moral character, which were read, and sustained by the Synod; At his own desire, he was put under the care of the Presby of Bangor.

Synod's fixed Committee. The members of the Genl Synod's fixed Committee are for Letterkenny—Messrs. Fairlie and M'Gaughie. For Derry—Messrs. Andr Ferguson and Dav. Harvey. For Bangor—Messrs. Cuningham and Saml Allexr For Killeleagh—Messrs Kennedy and M'Combe. For Armagh—Messrs Kennedy and King. For T. Patk., Messrs. Jas. and Tim. White. For Strabane, Messrs. Hemphill and M'Beath. For

Rout, Messrs. Jo^{n} Cochran and Smylie. For Dublin—No return. For Monaghan—Messrs. Plunket and Ambrose. For Tyrone, Messrs. Wallace and Jo^{n} Kennedy. These w^{t} our Mod^{r} and Clk to meet at Dungannon, when called by the Mod^{r} on any Emergent, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 at least to be Ministers.

Elders

It was moved and agreed to, that the several Presbyteries shall have power to nominate their respective Elders for s^{d} Committee some convenient time before it meet.

Ardstra.

There has been nothing done with respect to the arrear due by the new Erection in Ardstra, to Mr Welsh, which was owing to the neglect of Letterkenny Presby in not sending any members to the Committee appointed last Synod. The appointment is again renewed. Messrs. Boyd and Fairlie from Letterkenny Presby. are to meet w^{t} Messrs Ferguson and M'Beath from Strabane Presby. at the town of Ardstra the first Wednesday of August next, and then settle their accounts. It is farther ordered that if any of the above Bn. cannot attend, their respective Presbyteries shall appoint others in their place. Letterkenny Presby is to give timous notice to the new Erection there of the meeting of this Committee, and the Presby of Strabane is to apprise Mr. Welsh.

Absts. excused.

Absent from this Synod, and excused, are Messrs. Dav. Fairlie, Bobert Wirling, Thos. Harvey, Majr Murray, Nin^{n} Cochran, Thos. Strawbridge, Jo^{n} Hood, Jas. Stewart, Fr. Montgomrie, Neth. Orr, Saml Shannon, Ja^{s} Reid, Wm. Smith, Gilb^{t} Kennedy, jun., Jas. Johnson, Robt Gordon, Jo^{n} Brown, Ja^{s} Maxwell, Allex^{r} M'Cracken, Neh. Donaldson, Ch. Lynd, Hen: Neill, Jas. Thomson, Robt. Knox, Fr. Ross, Robt Brown, Hu: Henry, Jo^{n} Allexr, Jas. Smith, Humph. Thomson, Allex^{r} Fleming, Patk. Plunkett, Jo^{n} Carlisle, And^{r} Dean, Jo^{n} Macleve, Jas. Orr, Robt Stewart and Hu: Sharp.

Not excused.

Absent, and no excuse from them, are Messrs. Jo^{n} M'Gaughie, Thos. Bond, Saml Forgie, And^{r} Kennedy, Robt Higginbothom, Jo^{s} Hemphill, And^{r} Welsh, Jo^{n} Thomson, Ja^{s} Bond, Jon Algeo, Wm. Ambrose, Allex^{r} M'Kye, Jas. Clark and Dav. Hutchison.

Division of Armagh Pby.

It appears to this Synod that the Bretheren in Armagh Presby have not agreed to continue together in an amicable manner, as was recommended last Synod: and that the members who then supplicated for the division of that Presby do still insist on s^{d} request. The members on the other side insist, that as there are papers prepared on both sides, some of which have made considerable noise in ye countrey, to the prejudice of their characters and usefullness, this affair may be prosecuted in the usual method before the Synod. Whereas they for the separation moved that it may be issued by a Select Committee.

The Synod, after reasoning, agreed that a Select Committee be now appointed to hear that whole affair, and if they can issue it to the satisfaction of all parties, well. If not, that they prepare it for a more publick tryal. The Committee to consist of the following Bretheren, viz:—Messrs Ja^{s} Cobham, Ch. Masterton, Saml Dunlop, Jon Stirling, Wm. Hare, sen^{r}., Vict^{r} Ferguson, Thos Kennedy, Wm. Boyd, and

Robt. M'Bride, who are to meet at 3 of the clock afternoon in the Session house. The Presby of Armagh to attend s^d^ Committee. Adjourned to 5. Committees to meet at 3. Concluded w^t^ prayer.

Sess 3tia

Hora 5ta post meridiem. After prayer *Sedt qui supra.*

Maghera and Tobermore.

A supplication from Maghera was presented to this Synod by Messrs. Jackson, Clark, &c., complaining that notwithstanding the mearings of that congregation had been ascertained by the Synod in 1737, yet several of their People have been entertained and allowed Priviledges at Tobermore.

Some of the People who attend at Tobermore alledge that they allways looked upon themselves as members of that Congregstion, and plead for libertie to continue where they apprehend they shall be most edifyed. Parties being heard and removed, the Synod reasoned on the affair, after which the following question was putt—namely, Shall this Synod indulge 19 families in Bellynohone to join Tobermore, or not? which is to be thus understood, that if it be carryed in the affirmative, yet this Synod judges that the mearings betwixt Maghera and Tobermore shall continue as fixed in 1737, and that this Resolution relates only to the above families.

Then the Roll was called, and it was carryed in the affirmative *nem: contrad.* Ordered that the Commiss^rs^ give a list of these 19 families, that they may be entered in the Synod's record, w^c^ was done, and they are as follow—namely, Jon Bell, Thos. Jamison, Willm. M'Master, Jon. Levertie, Rodger Levertie, Willm. Henderson, Jon. M'Allen, Jon Fulton, Jon Paul, jun., Widw Hunter, Jas. Paul, Robt Paul, Samuel Young, Jas Young, Jon Ewings, Robt Ewings, And^r^ Ewings, Ja^s^ Phillips, and Saml Neillie.

Mr. Dalrymple.

The Synod now made a charitable contribution for Mr Dalrymple.

Holywood.

A supplication from Holywood was presented to this Synod by Matthew Russel, &c. Representing the weak circumstances of that congregation, and supplicating that the proportion of the Fund, granted to their former Pastor, may be continued to them. This referred and recommended to the Committee of Funds that it may be secured to that congregation.

Munterbirn.

A supplication from Munterbirn was presented to this Synod by Messrs Ja^s^ Hamilton, &c., representing that a very great majority of that Session and congregation had agreed to invite and call Mr. Allex^r^ Cumine to be their minister, that they had applyed once and again to the Presby of Tyrone for their concurrence, yet they had not been gratified, and praying that this Synod would please to order his settlement among them in a regular way, they promising to secure for his maintainance the Synod's Quota.

Appeared also from that Congregation Geo. Adams, &c., opposing the above supplication, and requesting that Mr Adam Duffin may be settled with them as their minister, and alleging that though their neighbours were more in number, yet by comparing their former payments, it will be found that there is not so great a majority as the other

Partie represents. The Presby of Tyrone allege that Munterbirn owes some considerable arrear to the Orphans of their late Pastor. They also assert that at the taking a Poll of that congregation it stood thus—viz., for Mr. Cumine, 195. For Mr. Duffin 68; but by their former payments it stood 24 lib to 14 lib.

A supplication from Sam[l] M'Kinzie who marryed one of their former minister's daughters, was also read, wherein he complains that a considerable arrear was still due to the above orphans, and praying that no minister be settled in Munterbirn till sd arrear be discharged. The Commissrs were all fully heard, and also the Presby whose minutes relating to this affair were read, and being removed, the Synod reasoned for some time on it, and then put the following question—viz., Shall this Synod lay both these candidates aside or not? The Roll was called, and it was carryed to lay both aside, by a great majority.

From Monaghan appeared Mess[rs] Thomas Nisbit, &c., and presented a Commissn and supplication desiring that Mr Ch. M'Collum, a candidate in the Presby of Rout, a M[r] Willm Rodgers, a candidate in the Presby of Bangor, may be appointed to supply that congregation for two months each. The Synod granted the supplication, and appointed M[r] M'Collum to supply there the months of July and Aug[t], and Mr Rodgers the months of Sep[t] and October. Adjourned to 10 to-morrow morning. Monaghan.

Committees to meet at 8. Concluded w[t] prayer.

Die Jovis Hora decima, Mane, &c. Sess 4ta

Next Synod to be at Antrim the 3[d] Tuesday of June, 1744, sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon. Next Synod.

A supplication from Loghbrickland was presented to this Synod by Dr Allan Nisbit, wherein they desire that this Synod would allow them an hearing of M[r] Ch. M'Collum for some time. The Synod grants the supplication, and appoint him to supply that congregation for the month of October next. Loghbrickland

M[r] David M'Cleland from Dundalk presented a Commissn and supplication to this Synod representing that they have now put themselves under the ministry of a member of this Synod, and are uncapable of giving him suitable support, and requesting that this Synod would allow them a share of the Fund. It does not appear to this Synod that they are regularly put under the care of any of its members, tho now the Commiss[r] professeth his, and his constituents subjection to us. But forasmuch as the minister they mention is a member of the Presby of Killeleagh, we refer this whole matter to that Presby, that they enquire into the regularity of that People's coming under the care of this Synod, and that Presby give an account of their diligence to the Sub-Synod of Belfast at their next Stated Meeting, and if that Synod be satisfyed, then, and in that case, this Synod refers it to the Committee of Funds to consider how much shall be allowed to that People. Dundalk.

The Select Committee now brought in Overture or advice in the affair of the Presby of Armagh, which was read. The Bretheren against the separation still move that it is absolutely necessary that they should be heard before the Synod, for the vindication of their characters, and this they insisted on, once and again. Some members of the Committee observed that it will not be for the credit of Religion to allow this affair to be debated in open Synod, but rather that it be in an Interloq^{r}. The members of the Presby of Armagh were heard severally on the above advice, and being removed, the Synod considered the affair, and afterwards proposed the following question—namely, Shall this affair be tryed in open Synod, or before the Interloqr? Before calling the Roll, a motion was made and agreed to, viz., that some members shall converse with the Bretheren who insist on a publick tryal, and endeavour to perswade them to an amicable agreement without such publick tryal, and if they do not prevail, the tryal shall be publick, at the opening of next Sedt. The members to be Messrs. Allex^{r} Brown, Jas. Cobham, Saml. Dunlop, Dav. Harvey, Ch. Masterton and Robt. M'Master.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Committee at 3. Concluded w^{t} prayer.

Sess. 5ta

Hora 5ta post meridiem, &c.

Ahoghill & Drumaul.

A supplication from some families in Drumaul who for some time have joined Ahoghill was presented to this Synod by Jon. Ker, &c., requesting that they may be continued in Ahoghill, for which they offered several reasons.

It was alledged in favour of Drumaul that the above supplicants had a libertie to join Ahoghill, or elsewhere, only during Mr. Henderson's ministry in Drumaul, and now that Mr. Henderson has dimitted his charge there, they apprehend that the above libertie is expired. Parties were fully heard and being removed, the Synod, after reasoning, agree'd to continue the families to Ahoghill, who were allowed dismisses from Drumaul in 1738, and that no more than these shall be allowed to separate from Drumaul.

Armagh Pby.

The Committee conferred with the Bretheren of Armagh Presby, and now brought in a paper which, if the Select Committee first appointed to consider this affair will subscribe and enter into the Records of this Synod, then these Bretheren will drop all their debates, and heartily go in to the division of the Presby. Upon which the Select Committee went out, and soon returned with s^{d} Paper subscribed by all its members, and satisfying to both Parties, and is as followeth, viz., "We do hereby certify whose names are underwritten upon a long hearing of both Parties in the Presby of Armagh, that tho difference of sentiment was alledged, yet it did not appear to us that either of the Parties had denyed any article contained in our confession of faith, and that it appeared to us that there had been indecent heats and animosities amongst some of the members that had not been influenced by any difference with respect to any Religious sentiments."

Upon which the Synod agree'd that s^d^ Presby shall be divided so as to be two. The one whereof to consist of the following members, namely—Messrs. Gilb^t^ Kennedy, Ja^s^ Allen, Jon, King, Robt. and Willm Thomsons, Jon Mulligan, &c., and to be named the Presby of Drummore. The other to consist of the following Bretheren, viz., Messrs. Jon. Menogh, George Cherry, John Maxwell, Jas. Moodie, Geo. Ferguson, &c., and to be named the Presby of Armagh. The other Bretheren not at this Synod—viz., Messrs. James Johnston, Robt. Gordon, and And^r^ Kennedy are left at libertie to join either of the above Presbyteries, as they shall think fitt. And the same libertie is granted to the vacant congregations in their bounds. Divided.

Jas. Barber, Robert Cumine, Jon Seewright, and John Law, Commiss^rs^ from Banbridge, desire to be joined to the Presby of Armagh, with which the Synod is satisfyed.

Messrs. Willm Bond, Saml Smith, &c., appeared from Glendermott and presented their Commiss^n^ and supplication, desiring that they may be erected, which were read. They propose to give sufficient security for the payment of the Synod's Quota. Glendermott.

On the other hand Messrs. Robt Hall and Willm Cochran of Mr Hare's congregation there, presented a Commission and supplication desiring that the request of their neighbours, with respect to the Erection, may not be granted.

Mr. Hare was heard, and observes that the People are falling in with him, and that if the erection does not take place, he believes the whole congregation will join him, except a very few. Parties were fully heard, and being removed, the Synod considered the affair, and after reasoning, it was moved and agreed to that the following B^n^ converse with Mr Bond and his fellow Commissrs, and endeavour to perswade them to join with neighbouring congregations. The Bretheren are Messrs. Cobham, Dunlop, M'Master, Jas. White, and M'Bride, and make report to-morrow morning. Adjourned to 10 in the morning.

Interloqr at 8. Concluded with prayer.

Die Veneris Hora decima mane &c. Sess 6th

Upon a complaint of some members of the Presby of Monaghan with reference to that Presbyteries licensing a gentleman, who, as the complainants alledge, is of a suspected character. Ordered that a Committee consisting of the following Brethern—viz., Messrs. Jon Maxwell, Allexr. M'Combe, Jon Gibson, Jon Kennedy, Geo. Cherry, Jon Mulligan, Jon King, and Michl. Henry, whereof 5 to be a quorum, do meet at Bellybay the first Tuesday of Aug. next, to try and finally determine that affair. Monaghan Pby

Upon a complaint that several of the gentlemen who supplyed Donoghedie, before that congregation was divided, are not yet paid; this Synod recommends to the Presbyteries of Letterkenny and Strabane, to take all possible care that the arrear due to these supplyers be adjusted and paid by the two congregations now there. Donoghedie.

Glendermott.

The Committee appointed last night to converse with Glendermott Commiss^{rs} now make report that they obeyed the appointment of the Synod, but with no success. The Commiss^{rs} on both sides were again heard; and being removed, the Synod, after some reasoning, put the following question—viz., Shall this Synod erect that part of Glendermott now desiring it, into a distinct Congregation or not? Another state of the question was proposed, and, after some reasoning, agreed to—namely, Erect now or leave it to a Committee? The Roll was called, and it was carryed to leave it to a Committee, which is to consist of the following Bretheren, with their Elders, namely, from Rout Presby, Messrs. M'Bride, Orr, and M'Curdie. From Tyrone, Messrs. Stewart and Caldwell. From Strabane, Messrs. Ferguson, M'Beath, and Armstrong. From Letterkenny—Messrs. Dunlop, Wirling, and Fairlie. From T. Patk, Messrs. Higginbothom and Jas. White, whereof 7 to be a Quorum. They are to meet at Glendermott Meeting house the first Tuesday of August next, and erect that People if they see cause. And if the Committee erect them, then they shall be joined to any Presby which the Erection shall desire, and the Presby of Derry shall supply that People every other Lord's day till the meeting of the Committee. The Synod farther orders that in case the Erection shall not take place, then any of their People who desire priviledges in neighbouring congregations, shall be admitted upon producing Certificates from the Elders that are among them; and farther, that Messrs Maj^{r} Murray and Dav. Harvey attend s^{d} Committee to give what light they can.

Mr Osborn & his People recd by the Synod.

From Newtown Lemmavaddie appeared Messrs. Gavin Moor, Jon Boyle, &c., Commiss^{rs} from the People there who are under the ministry of Mr Jos. Osborn, who some time agoe was ordained among them, by the Presby of Antrim; they presented a supplication requesting that this Synod would take them, and their Min^{r}, into its body, and they promise subjection, in the Lord, to this, and the other Judicatories of this Church. Mr. Osborn being present, declares his approbation of the above supplication.

A supplication was also presented by Willm Patton, Jos. Houston &c Commiss^{rs} from those who in that place, are under the ministry of Mr Hen. Areskine, complaining that, tho the other Partie was few in number yet had in an irregular & violent manner, taken their Meeting house from them, and had committed several things which had given offence. Messrs Boyle &c., were asked whither they would give reasonable satisfaction to the other Partie, for everything wherein it shall appear to Referees that they have wronged them, with respect to the meeting house, and ground on which it stands? They answered, that they will leave the title of the Ground to the arbitration of Lawyers, and will leave the value of the house to two indifferent men to be chosen by this Synod. The other Partie also agree that it shall be left to the arbitration of those Referees to determine in any particular wherein Mr Osborns People may alledge, that they have been wronged by that Partie.

Mr Osborn was then asked, if it was his own desire to be associated to this Synod? He answered it was. Then Parties were removed, and the Synod considered the affair, after which it was moved that the following question should be asked Mr Osborn, viz. whither he professeth his sorrow for departing from this Church, and the known rules & Government of it, and joining himself to another association for Ordination? Another motion was made, that the question shall be, whither he is concerned that he did not go thro the known rules of this Church, before he applyed to the Presby of Antrim, for Ordination? upon a debate, the following question was put, namely, Whither the first or second of these questions shall be asked Mr Osborn? The Roll was called, and it was carried for the 2d question. Against which resolution the following members entered their Protest, viz., Messrs Jon. Stirling, Wm Boyd, Jon. Holmes, Jon. Orr, Robt & Jon. Thomsons, Robt M'Master, and these Elders: Robt Hamil, Robt Dickson, & Robt Martin. Mr Osborn being called, the question was asked him as above? To which he answered, I am, and my appearance here is plain evidence of it. He being again removed, this other question was put, viz., Whither this Synod is satisfyed to receive Mr Osborn, & his People, on the terms of the Synod, or not? The Roll was called, and it was carryed in the affirmative by a great majority. Against this Resolution Messrs Stirling, Wm Boyd, Orr, Robt & Jon. Thomsons, King, M'Master, Jon. Holmes, & M'Creight, & Robt Martin Elder entered their protests. Mr Osborn being called, was asked whither he was willing to subscribe the West: Conf: of faith, and subject himself to the Judicatories of this Church? To both which he answered in the affimative, and then subscribed the following Formula viz.,

Protest.

Protest.

I doe believe the Doctrines contiained in the West: Conf: of Faith to be founded on, and agreeable to the Word of God. & accordingly I subscribe it as the Confession of my faith.

Adjourned to 7 & concluded with prayer.

Hora 7ma post Meridiem &c.,

Sess. 7ma

A supplication from Mrs Hemphill of Castleblaney, was read in the Synod, representing her necessitous circumstances occasioned by the deficiencies of the Fund to her late Husband, whereby she is rendered incapable to support her poor familie. The Synod took her case under consideration, and agreed that there be one Lords-days Collection in the Several Congregations belonging to this Synod, in such manner, as the respective Ministers and sessions shall judge most expedient. The general Collectors in each Presby are as follow. For Armagh, Mr Cherry. For Drummore, Mr Allen. For Bangor, Mr Masterton. For Killeagh, Mr McCombe. For T. Patrick, Mr Tim White. For Rout, Mr McBride. For Derry, Mr Dav. Harvey. For Strabane, Mr Ferguson. For Letterkenny, Mr Dunlop. For Tyrone, Mr Gibson. For Monaghan, Mr Ambrose. And for Dublin Mr McMaster.

Mrs Hemphill of C. Blayney.

Mr Jon King, a member of the newly erected Presby of Drummore, supplicated that Mr Sims may be joined to that Presby. Mr Sims not

being present, and the members of the Synod being mostly gone off, this was referd till next Synod.

The Mod^{r} concluded the Synod with prayer.

Die Veneris Hora 8va mane.

Interloq^{r}

Interloq^{r} of Ministers only.

Letter to the Treasurer.

This Interloq^{r} expected that Mr Lang would have attended us. Mr Moodie informs us that Mr Lang had come as far as Newry with this view, but that an unforeseen affair had prevented his attendance on the Synod. Ordered that a Letter be wrote to him from this Interloq^{r}, and that Mr Willm Boyd make a draught of it, which was accordingly done, and subscribed by the Mod^{r} and Clk.

Mrs McLane.

Ordered that one year of the ord^{ry} R.D. due to M^{rs} McLane of Market hill be paid her.

Mrs Hastings.

Ordered that a proportion of the ord^{ry} R.D. be continued to Mrs. Hastings in T. Patk Presby.

Sligo.

The several ministers whose congregations are in arrear of the Fund to Sligo, were enquired what has been done in that affair since last Synod. It is recommended to those who have not paid, that they pay it down as soon as possible, and that as the bulk of this mony is due in the Presby of Derry, sd money be paid to Mr Dav: Harvey.

Lurgan

Ordered that a letter be wrote by the Clk to Strabane to pay their Fund to Lurgan.

Mrs Dick

Ordered that the Presbyteries of Armagh and Drummore pay the arrear of the Fund due by them, to Mrs. Dick.

Holywood.

Ordered that the Fund be continued to Holywood as formerlie.

JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

July the 5th, 1743.

A Genl Synod at Antrim, June ye 19th 1744.

Mr Tim. White Mod^{r} of the former Synod, preached from Math. 28. 20, and then constituted this by prayer. After w^{c} Sed^{t} Minrs. & Ruling Elders from the respective Presbyteries as follow, namely.—

Derry Presby.		Drummore Presby.	
Ministers.	Elders.	Ministers.	Elders.
Jon. Stirling	Thos Taylour	Gilbt Kennedy	Jon. M'Kye
Jon. Lisle		Jas. Allen	Robt Dickson
Hen. Ereskine	Saml Stewart	Jon. King	Jon. Potts
Wm Hare	Mr Geo. Brown	Wm Thomson	Jon. Mills
		Ch. M'Collum	Andr Harshaw
Bangor Presby.		**T. Patk. Presby.**	
Ch. Mastertoun	Mr Jon. Potts		
Robt Cuningham	Mr Jon. M'Kibbin	Jas. Cobham	Dav. M'Alpine
Andr Malcolm	Jon. Claghertie	Allexr Brown	Jas. Marshal
Jas. M'Cullogh		Wm Livingstoun	Archd Kell
Hu. Dickson		Jas. White	Andr Miller
Saml Allexr	Wm Busbie	Willm Patton	Mr Richd Coldstone
Andr Kennedy		Tim. White	Jon. Blakely
Jas. Huey		Wm Thomson	Jas. White
Wm Rodgers		Thos Crawford	Mr Walter Oakman
Killeleagh Presby.		Wm Holmes	Mr Wm M'Conchy
		Jon. Moorhead	Thos Steele
		Jon. Thomson	Thos Hughes
Thos Scott		Thos Brown	Wm Richman
Allexr M'Combe		Willm Henderson	
Jas. Armstrong	Allexr M'Donald	Jon. Brown	Hu. Wason
Michl Henry	Neth. Henry	Jon. M Connel	Benj Johnstoun
		Jon. Lewson	Andr Miller
Armagh Presby.		**Monaghan Presby**	
Jon. Menogh	Josias Gaddis		
Geo. Cherry	Mr Jon. Moodie	Wm Hare	
Jon. Maxwell	Mr M'Cammon	Patk Plunket	
Geo. Ferguson	Fr. Sloan	Jon. Carlile	
Geo. Henry		Jas. Hamilton	
Hen. Jackson		Jas. Clark	Jon. Potts
		Dav. Hutchison	
Strabane Presby.		Jas. Gordon	Robt M'Allen
		Allexr Wadsworth	
Wm M'Beath			
Jos. Osborne	Mr Gavin Moor	**Tyrone Presby.**	
Rout Presby.		Tho Kennedy	Jo. Sloan
		Hu. Wallace	Benj. Barefoot
Ch. Lynd	Math. Langwill	Jon. Kennedy	Jas. Stirling
Jon. Holmes	Math. Caldwell	Jas. Turretine	Robt Lawrence
Robt M'Bride	Jon. Innis		
Jon. Cochran	Jon. Borland	**Letterkenny Presby.**	
Fr. Ross	Robt Sloan		
Jon. Orr	Mr Jas. Todd	Saml Dunlop	
Jon. Hill	Jas. Patton	Willm Wilson	
Jon. Thomson	Robt Archd	Jon. Marshal	Moses Baird
Jas. M'Creight	Mr Gavin Steele	Wm Laird	Jon. Brown
Dav. Smylie	Wm Haslet		
Jas. M'Curdie	Wm Edmistoun		
Jon. Semple	Jon. Grier		
Jas. Cochran	Jas. Johnstoun		
Allexr Cumine	Jas. Ker		
Dublin Presby.			
Jas. Smith	Mr Allexr Richie		

Modr

Mr Tim White moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod; the following Bn were named as a Leet, viz., Messrs. Moorhead, Jon. Kennedy, Menogh, Allen, Jon. Holmes, Jon. Orr, M'Curdie, M'Beath, Carlile, Hare, Malcolm, Cuningham, Scott, and Smith. The Roll was called, and Mr. Jon Carlile was chosen. And Jon Cochran was continued Clk.

Clk

Ordered that the several Presbyteries meet this night and prepare Returns to be given to the Clk to-morrow morning of their members for the respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, and the Genl Synods fixed Committee; with an account of such Minrs as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, licensed, entered on Tryals, or about to be entered on Tryals since last Synod.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet at 7 to-morrow morning for prayer, and continue till 9, when open Synod shall begin.

Concluded wt prayer.

Sess. 2da

Die Mercurij Hora nona mane. After prayer *sedt qui supra.*

Prayer.

The time appointed for prayer was observed

The several Pbyes now made Returns for the several Committees, and also those that follow, viz:—

Licensed.

The Pby of Derry report that they have licensed Mr Jon White, and have entered Messrs. Jon Smyth and Jon Adams on first tryals.

Ordained.

Bangor Pby have ordained Mr Wm. Rodgers at Holywood, Nov. ye 20th, 1743. And have entered Messrs. Jas. Jackson and Richard Walker on first tryals.

Dead, &c

Killeleagh Pby have licensed Mr Warnock, and have entered Mr Jon Strong on 2d Tryals. They report that Mr. Saml Shannon dyed June ye 26, 1743.

Armagh Pby have ordained Mr Geo. Henry at Narrowwater Oct. ye 4th, 1743, and Mr. Hen. Jackson at Banbridge Nov. ye 8, 1743.

Drummore Pby have ordained Mr. Ch M'Collum at Loghbrickland March ye 6th, 1743/4. And have licensed Mr Jon M'Minn They report that Mr Robt Thomson dyed Septr ye 4th, 1743.

T. Patk Pby have entered Mr. Jon King on 2d Tryals.

Strabane Pby have licensed Mr. Ch. Gay and entered Messrs. Young and Patk Buchannan on first Tryals. They report that Mr Allexr M'Crackan dyed in Sept. 1743.

Rout Pby have ordained Mr Allexr Cumine at Bovidy May the 22d, 1744. Have licensed Mr Fr. O'Bryan. They both subscribed, and have entered Mr Robt. Huey on first tryals.

Dublin Pby report that Mr Jon Allexr dyed Nov. ye 1, 1743.

Monaghan Pby have ordained Mr Jas. Gordon at Castle-Blaynie January 18, 1743/4, and Mr. Allexr. Wadsworth at Bellybay Janr 19, 1743/4, and have entered Messrs Thos. Plunkett, Wm. Fleming, and Robt. Smith on first Tryals. They report that Mr Humph. Thomson dyed Apr ye 7, 1744.

Tyrone Pby have ordained Mr Jas. Turretine at Tobermore June ye 5th, 1744, and have entered Mr Adam Duffine on 2d Tryals.

Letterkenny Pby have ordained Mr. Jon Marshal at Balindred July ye 27th, 1743, and Mr. Wm. Laird at Rye, May the 15, 1744, and have entered Mr. Benj. Holmes on 2d Tryals.

The Members of the Genl Synods fixed Committee are as follow: viz.:— Synod's Fixed Com.

For Derry Pby, Messrs. Andr Ferguson and David Harvey.

For Bangor, Messrs Cuningham and M'Cullough; Mr John Brown, elder.

For Killeleagh, Messrs Williamson and M'Combe.

For Armagh, Messrs. Menogh and Moodie. Mr Jon Moodie, elder.

For Drummore, Messrs Kennedy and Allen. Mr Jas. Ker, elder.

For T. Patk, Messrs Jas. White and Fraser. Mr Ch. Johnston, elder.

For Strabane, Messrs Hemphill and Armstrong.

For Rout, Messrs M'Bride and Smylie. Mr Jackson Clark, elder.

For Dublin. No return.

For Monaghan, Messrs. M'Kye and Carson.

For Tyrone, Messrs. Thos. Kennedy and Gibson.

For Letterkenny, Messrs Boyd and Fairlie.

These, with our Modr and Clk, are to meet at Dungannon when called by the Modr on any Emergent, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least to be Ministers.

This Synod, upon reading the minute of last year relating to the division of Armagh Pby, and considering that there are debates still subsisting between the two Presbys. of Armagh and Drummore, refers it to the Committee of Overtures to form one thereupon.

The Committee met at Bellybay as appointed last Synod, and upon a full hearing of the affair recommended to them, saw cause to acquitt the Gentleman.

Absent from this Synod and excused are—Messrs. Thomas Harvey, Nin. Cochran, Thos. Bond, Jas. Stewart, Fr. Montgomrie, Neth. Orr, Saml Simms, Jas. Rainy, Jas. Reid, Wm. Smith, Saml Absents excused.

Forgie, Robt. Gordon, Jas. Maxwell, Vict^{r} Ferguson, Neh. Donaldson, Jas. Smith, Hen. Neill, Jas. Thomson, Robt Knox, Robt. Brown, Gidn. Neilson, Hu. Henry, Robt McMaster, Bap^{t} Boyd, Allex^{r} Fleming, Hu. Mulligan, John Macleve, Hu. Sharp, Wm. Boyd, Dav. Fairlie, and Robt Wirling.

Not excused.

Absent, and no excuse from them, are Messrs Majr Murray, Thos. Strawbridge, And^{r} Ferguson, Dav. Harvey, Jon M^{t}.gomrie, Dav. Walker, Hu. Williamson, Jas. Moodie, Jas. Fraser, Jos. Hemphill, And^{r} Welsh, Wm. Armstrong, Robt Henry, James Bond, And^{r} Dean, Jon Algeo, Wm. Ambrose, Allex^{r} M'Kye, Geo. Carson, Robt Stewart, Jas. Orr, Jon. Gibson, Ch. Caldwell, and Jon. M'Gaughie.

Donoghedie.

It does not appear that anything has been done by Donoghedie, to the Supplyers, in whose favour a complaint was made last Synod. This Synod agrees that a committee of the following Bn and an elder with each, namely, Messrs. Vict^{r} Ferguson, Wm. M'Beath, Wm. Boyd, Jon Marshall, Jon Hood, and Wm. Hare shall meet at Donoghedie the first Tuesday of August, and then settle accounts, and adjust the proportions of the arrear due by these congregations, both to the supplyers and also with respect to the Fund due by them to Moywater. Three of the above min^{rs} and one elder to be a Quorum, Messrs Jas. White & Allen to write to these congregations, that they may be apprised of this appointment.

Glendermott.

The Committee met at Glendermott, as appointed last Synod, and erected the People, in that place who desired it into a distinct Congregation and put them under the care of the Pby of Rout who Installed Mr Jon Holmes, there Ap^{r} ye 19, 1744. They now request the Synod, that they may be joined to the Pby of Letterkenny, w^{c} was granted.

Reasons for protest.

The Bn who protested, last year, in the affair of Mr Osborne, now gave reasons of their protest, w^{c} were read in the Synod, and it is agreed that they shall be entered in the Synod book only.

And that as the paper of Reasons given in by Mr Stirling, &c., contains in substance, what is in all the rest, s^{d} paper, only, shall be entered, and it is as follows:—

R 1.

Reas. 1. Because they have been guiltie, Mr Osborne, & these that join him of one of the grossest pieces of injustice in taking by force, and possessing the Meeting house, that properlie belongs to the Congregation of Drumacose, w^{c} they built at considerable expense, possessed it peaceably above 40 years: that a few families not exceeding 20 that have ever paid stipend to yre late Minr. & as we are well informed, & do believe to be true that these never paid 40 shillings towards the building of that house, should by violence & force, take it possess it, & turn the body of that numerous congregation in the middle of Winter, out into the open fields, is a thing, in itself, so unjust and wicked that no apologie can be made for it, to receive such into the bosom of the Synod, w^{t} out expressing the least sense of their guilt, or receiving so much as an admonition from the Synod in what we cannot help protesting against, for what fellowship hath Righteousness with unrighteousness.

Reas: 2d Because they were guiltie of the grossest impietie in profaning the Lds Day in a public scandalous manner in the house of God, at least those whom they employed to keep the house while their neighbours were worshipping God in the open fields under the violence of the weather, committing several gross outrages, acts of wickedness & impietie, to the dishonour of God, the reproach of our holy religion, the grief of the godly, & the scandal of the weak. To receive such without evidence of repentance, & not to receive the least censure, we cannot comprehend how these that were for receiving them, can account for this to God, and their own consciences: Shall the grossest injustice the most base and scandalous impietie be thus overlooked by the highest Judicatorie of this Church? and such received into our communion without censure? What communion hath light wt darkness, &c. R. 2.

Reas: 3d Because both Mr Osborne & that People have been guiltie of the grossest rebellion against our discipline, when they applyed to the Pby of Derry to be erected into a congregation, the body of the Congregation having given a call to Mr Erskine to be their Pastor: the Pby called correspondents from three other Presbyteries to assist in judging that affair, and when they had fully heard all Parties, they did not see it reasonable to erect them, there not being 20 families that formerlie paid stipend, for the Erection, and all that they paid yearlie to the former minr, was betwixt five and six pounds, as did appear by the lists of their payments that was laid before the Pby. Upon which they gave in a paper renouncing Pby, & withdrawing their subjection from the Pby of Derry, and all Judicatories of our way, & immediately applyed to that society that goes under the name of the Pby of Antrim, who soon ordained Mr Osborne by a few of their number. The receiving of such without any censure is what cannot be justified; for all that the Synod enquired at Mr Osborne, was if he was concerned for applying to that Pby, without appealing first to the Synod. Mr Osborne had no business to appeal to the Synod, for the Pby had no affair of his under their consideration, unless he had appealed because the Pby with correspondents would not erect a small hād full of People into a congregation for him. He contrary to his solemn engagment, when he was licensed, to be subject to his Bretheren, with these few families rebelled against the decision of the Pby with correspondents. Shall this be pass'd without a censure? The time has been when the Synod would have suspended a Probationer for such conduct, but to receive, with open arms, such offenders, we look upon it as a base prostitution of our discipline, & too great an encouragement to those who secretly are enemies to Presbyterie, and to our discipline, and for setting up the high independent sectarian scheme, Mr Osborne & these that join him have walked disorderlie, we are commanded in the name of our Ld Jesus Christ, to withdraw from every Brother that walketh disorderlie, he has by his joining with that People contrarie to the decision of the Pby of Derry, been the great cause of these unhappie divisions that have fallen out in that Congregation & in its neighbourhood, to the great prejudice of Religion, and the dissenting Interest, to give a detail of them would be a melancholy entertainment, & spend R. 3.

too much of the Synod's time. It's our duty to mark them that cause divisions & offences contrary to the doctrine that we have learned, & avoid them, for they that are such serve not our Ld Jesus Christ, but their own belly, & by good words, & fair speeches, decieve the hearts of the simple.

R. 4. Rea: 4. Because we are of opinion that it was not from any real conviction, that Mr Osborne and they that joined him, had done amiss in renouncing Pby, & all the Judicatories of our way, & applying to Antrim Pby, that they came, & desired again to be received by the Synod, but to serve a turn, & to obtain the interest and weight of the Synod to keep them together, and to be an argument to deal with others to join them, for some of their number had quitt ym̄ before the last Synod, & one of their Commrs told a member of this Synod at Antrim, that unless they were received by the Synod, Mr Osborne might leave them. A member publickly declared that it was not convenient or fair that Mr Osborne should own he was wrong in what he had done, least the Synod did not receive him, & he would be obliged to return to the Pby of Antrim: we cannot help looking upon this as a thing most ridiculous, and unaccountable thus to impose upon the Synod, & goe & come, & turn into so many shapes, to serve their own carnal base ends, & to make our discipline subservient to them, tho they had, in the grossest manner, trampled upon it, & abused it.

R 5. Rea: 5. Because Mr Orsborne was received by ye Synod without a certificate from that Body of w^{c} he had been a member; he was a member of another society, for some considerable time after he had deserted us and renounced Pby: he produced no testimonial of his ordination & moral character, while he was with them: we doe not remember that the Synod so much as asked for it. There cannot so much as one instance be given these 50 years past, so far as we remember, of any Person that received ordination from another society, that has been received by the Synod without Testimonials: for tho the Pby of Antrim ordained him without any, from any Judicatorie of our way; They are no extraordinary precedent to the Synod in points of discipline. Yet we must own that these Gentlemen acted with more caution, & a more justifyable part than the Synod did: for tho they had not formal Testimonials from any Judicatorie of our way, they did not receive him without Letters from some miñrs. of this Synod, as it is reported, w^{c} we believe to be true, & if so, we cannot help looking upon it as deceitfull working, & double dealing, to write in the favours of one, to whom no Judicatorie of our way, would give a Testimonial, he could not had the assurance to have asked one, considering what his behaviour had been.

Rea: 6. We take from the way and manner of the management of that affair, & of their reception into the Synod, it was evident that it was industriously put off till the end of the Synod, for it was an affair, which the managers knew, could not bear the light of the whole Synod, it was given out that it would not be proposed, for they despaired of success: there was more than ordinary management with members for their vote & interest, w^{c} no good cause needs that comes before upright

judges: a great many of the Members were gone, others stayed to the last, with a view to carry this point; it was done in a hurrie, not with that calmness and deliberation that an affair of that nature required. Some voted for it that had no right to vote, others were denyed that had a real right; the Minute of the Synod seems not to be consistent with it self, relating the Meeting house; it is to be referr'd the difference to two indifferent persons, these are to be named by the Synod, & yet the Synod names none. Had the Synod referd all till another year, by that time they would [have] seen what reparation would [have] been made to the Congregation, for their house, & seats: for there can be no Repentance, in such cases, without restitution, when it is in the power of the Partie that has done the wrong, to make it; but this was overlooked, yea there was industrie to hinder Mr Osborne making such acknowledgments, as the scandal he had given, required, we is evident from ye previous vote that was passed, before ye vote was put for their reception.

Rea: 7, is taken from the offence that is given to a great many within the bounds of this Synod by these Resolutions They are matter of grief to a great many religious persons, whom, we are, in charitie, to believe, belong to Christ, that the Synod should receive into communion, in such a rash manner without any evidence of Repentance, these who by gross immoralities, & rebellion against our discipline, had given so great offence. It's stumbling to the weak to observe the Synod so easily to overlook such gross immoralities, as Injustice, the open profanation of the Lds Day, & the breach of solemn promises, by this management of the Synod: the profane are hardened in their sinfull courses, and will make but litle of acts of Injustice in closing the doors of Meeting houses upon congregations, and turning them to the fields, when they will not submitt to the imposing of Pastors upon them, contrary to their consciences, whom they doe not believe to be sound in the faith, nor fit for ministerial office; by whose labours they cannot propose to reap any saving benefit, or real advantage. It's an encouragement to young men who are not fixed and steadie, and in want of bread, if they can, by themselves or their agents, procure a handfull of people, where they have friends & relations, to take irregular and disorderlie methods to be ordained, when such things are passed so easily over. We look upon what the Synod has done as a prostituting of our discipline, as a thing dishonouring to God, of which God often complains, & particularly 22 Ezek: 26. Her Preists have violated my law, and have profaned my holy things, they have put no difference between the holy & profane; neither have they shewed difierence between the unclean and the clean: they have hid their eyes from my Sabaths, & I am profaned among them. The Protesters therefore requested that the Synod would either resume & reverse what was done at last Synod, or enter these their Reasons of Protest into the Records of this, *in futuram rei memoriam.* R. 7.

The following Bn now desire to have their names recorded, as joining in that Protest, viz: Messrs. Thos Kennedy, Hu. Wallace, Ch. Lynd, Fr. Ross, Jon Thomson, Jon Semple, Hen. Ereskine, and these Elders, Robt Sloan, Thos Taylour, & Nath. Langwill.

Lemmavaddie

Commiss^{rs} from both Congregations in N.town Lemmavaddie, now signify to the Synod, that they have chosen Referees to settle all their differences with relation to the old meeting house there, & other accounts. These Referees are Messrs. Wm White and Jo^{n} Ross, who are to choose an umpire, if they shall see cause. With which the Synod is satisfyed.

M^{r} McBeath

M^{r} W^{m} McBeath requests that he be allowed libertie to leave the Pby of Strabane, & join himself and congregation to some other Pby. He was removed, and the Synod, after reasoning and observing that none of the other members of that Pby are present, only Mr Osborne, & that there is no supplication from the session or congregation of Urnie, put the question, viz: allow him libertie for one year, to join what Pby he thinks proper; or shall a Committee finally issue it? The Roll was called, & it was carryed to allow him libertie for one year, &c.

Mrs Hemphill

The Synods recommendation, last year, with respect to a Charitable contribution, for the relief of Mrs Hemphill, was observed but by very few of the Pbyes. A Letter from Ld Blaynie, in her favour was read in the Synod. And the recommendation again renewed, and earnestly pressed on those who have yet done nothing for her, that they doe it as soon as possible: And that all the contributions, whither now in hand, or to be made, shall be given, or transmitted to M^{r} McCombe. The same Collectors in the several Pbyes, as last year, to be continued. M^{r} McBride is appointed to draw up an answer to Ld Blaynie's letter w^{c} was done.

The Request of last year with respect to Mr Sims being joined to Drummore Pby, was considered. A letter from him & his session, was read, wherein they declare their willingness, as it is most convenient for them, to join Drummore. This refer'd to next Sed^{t}.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Committees to meet at 3.

Concluded w^{t} prayer.

Sess. 3^{tia}

Hora 5ta post meridiem &c.

Next Synod

Next Synod to be at Antrim, the 3^{d} Tuesday of June, 1745. Sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon.

B.Mena & Caple Street

A Commiss^{n} & Supplication from the Congregation of Caple-Street, Dublin, was presented to this Synod by Coll^{l}. Jo^{n} Martin, Messrs. Jo^{n} Ewing, &c., empowering them to prosecute an appeal from the Pby of T.Patk, in reference to the Transportation of Mr Jo^{n} Brown, from B.Mena to Caple Street, & to enforce the Reasons for s^{d} desired transportation.

Appeared from B.Mena. Messrs Jo^{n} McDowel, & Jo^{n} Campble, &c., they presented a Commiss^{n} & supplication, desiring and entreating this Synod, to continue Mr Brown with them, & not grant the desired Transportation.

The Minute & Sentence of the Pby of T.Patk from w^c the Commiss^rs of Caple-Street appealed, was read. Then the Reasons for the Transportation, & B.Mena's answers to s^d Reasons were also read: the Commiss^rs on both sides, & the Pby of T.Patk were all fully heard. The Commiss^rs from Dublin promise, in case the Transportation takes place, to give Mr Brown £80 ℔ an: and a free house. Then Mr Brown was heard who observed, that this affair was of such importance to him, that he had seriously weighed it, and thinks that the arguments of B.Mena, are to him, much the strongest; that the harmony between B.Mena and him, has been such that, as he apprehends, he can be nowhere so usefull as there: that it is his hearty desire that his relation to B.Mena may be continued and tho he would not withdraw his subjection to this Synod, yet he was satisfyed to undergoe any censure this Synod would inflict, rather than be forced from a People so dear to him. Before Parties were removed, the Synod, by prayer, asked Counsel and direction from God. And being removed, the Synod reasoned on the affair, for some time, & then put the question, namely, Transport Mr Brown from B Mena to Caple Street, or not? The Roll being called, it was carryed in the negative. Parties were called in, & the above Resolutiou was intimated to them.

The affair of Mr Sims being joined to the Pby of Drummore was now resumed, and the Synod, after some reasoning, judged that it was not yet ripe for their issuing it. Mr Sims

From Monaghan appeared Messrs. Thos Nisbit, &c., Comm^rs supplicating that as they have called Mr Dav. Hutchison from Banbreaky, this Synod would appoint a committee finally to issue that affair, in case either of the Congregations shall appeal from the Sentence of their own Pby with respect to that desired Transportation. The Synod after reasoning, agreed, that the Pby of Monaghan w^c is to meet at Calledon the first Tuesday of Augt next, with the following correspondents, shall finally issue that affair. These Correspondents to be, from Tyrone Pby, Messrs. Thos and Jo^n Kennedy, Orr, & Gibson. From Armagh, Messrs. Menagh, Cherry, Maxwell, Ferguson & Henry. From Drummore, Messrs. Allen, King, & Mulligan. From Killeleagh, Messrs. McCombe & Henry. And from Bangor, Mr Sims and an Elder w^t each. They are to be called by the Pby of Monaghan. Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning Interloq^r at 8. Concluded w^t prayer. Monaghan

Die Jovis Hora 9na Mane, &c. Sess. 4ta

This Synod considering the present circumstances of Caple Street Congregation agreed, that if the People shall call for Supplyes from any Pby in the Synod, the shall be granted, and in case there be any difficulties with respect to their settlement, occasioned by appeal from the sentence of any Pby, then such appeal shall be finally issued by the Synods fixed Committee. Mr Ja^s White is appointed to write a Letter to be sent by the Synod, to that Congregation. Caple Street

A supplication from some persons in the Congregation of Maghera, was presented to this Synod, by Jo^n Wilson, Thos Reid, &c., prosecuting Maghera

an appeal from a Resolution of the Pby of Rout: and desiring that they, & their Constituents may be dismissed from Mr Smylie's Miñry. The Reasons of Appeal were heard one, by one, and Parties heard upon them; after wc, the Pby & Commrs from Maghera, were removed: & the Synod came to consider what they had heard, & after long reasoning, it was agreed to remitt these debates to the Pby of Rout, as not being ripe for the Synod's decision; and accordingly sd Pby were allowed, immediately, to withdraw, & make an Essay to issue these debates with the appellants.

The Synod now made a charitable Contribution for Mr Dalrymple.

Wm. Clark

Whereas Willm Clark of Ardstra supplicated this Synod in an affair that had been before the Sub-Synod of Derry, & was by them left to a Committee of their number to be issued by them, & sd Committee not having mett; this Synod appoints one, consisting of the following Bn viz: Messrs. Boyd, Fairlie, Dav. Harvey, Marshal, Hare, & an Elder with each, to meet at Balindred Meeting house, the first Thursday of Augt next: of wc 3 Miñrs. & 2 Elders to be a Quorum, who are finally to determine this affair. Notice to be given to Strabane Pby, and the Session of Ardstra, by the suppliant, that they may attend.

Castle-Blaynie

A Supplication was presented from Castle-Blaynie, desiring that the proportion of the Fund, formerlie allowed to their late Pastor, may be allowed, & continued to their present Pastor, & that it may be placed on such Congregations, as shall make good payment; sd supplication was seconded by a Letter from Ld Blaynie. This affair is refered to the Committee of the Fund.

Plunket Street

A supplication from the Congregation of Plunket-Street, Dublin, was laid before this Synod, desiring that the several Pbyēs may be ordered to send them such supplyers, as they, from time to time, shall write for; and that upon their choosing one, or more, for their Miñr, the Pby to whom he, or they, shall belong, may be ordered to forward their Settlement, with all regular expedition. The Synod grants their supplication, & appoints Mr Sims, who is now there, to supply them, the last Sab. of July. Mr Thos Kennedy is ordered to bring in a draught of a Letter to that Congregation.

Usher's Quay

A Letter from Mr McMaster was read, wherein he represents it as the desire of his Session and Congregation, that this Synod would supply them, in the same manner as granted to Plunket Street; and if they shall unite in the choice of one before next Synod, & the Pby to whom such Miñr shall belong as they shall choose, will not grant their desire; the Sub-Synod to which he belongs, may be appointed to determine finally, his Transportation. The Synod grants ye Supplication.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Committees at 3. Concluded wt prayer.

Sess. 5ta

Hora 5ta post meridiem, &c.

Messrs Kennedy & White now brought in the Letters to Caple Street & Plunket Street wc were read, and the Modr appointed to subscribe them in name of ye Synod.

Mr Jas Smith in the name of Caple Street, supplicated, that Mr Ch. McCollum may supply there, the 2 last Sabs. of July, & three first Sabaths of Augt next. Which was granted. He also supplicated that Mr Patton may supply Plunket Street, the month of Augt next. Which was granted

An appeal from a sentence of the Synod of Derry, wt reference to the stating of accounts between Mr Wirling and the People of Bovidy, was laid before this Synod; by which sentence, that Congregation was ordered to pay to Mr Wirling the summe of £20, whereas Bovidy still alledge, that they owe him, nothing like that summe. The Synod, after reasoning, agreed, that the following Bn, viz: Messrs Plunket, King, and Hutchison, goe out, & try to issue it. And that Mr McCurdie wait on sd Committee. Bovidy

An Overture was laid before this Synod, by the Committee of Overtures, & is as follows, viz: Whereas in vacant Congregations, divided by the choice of different Miñrs, there are several Instances of some, who by violent measures, take possession of Meeting houses that belong, of right, to ye whole Congregation, instead of taking prudent Christian methods to end their debates. This Synod to testify their abhorrence of such conduct, doe hereby dectare it to be scandalous, unjust, & a reproach to our Profession. We therefore Overture that every Miñr, or Probationer who concurrs, or assists in doing so, by preaching in such Meeting house, till the affair be amicably & peaceably determined, shall be rebuked & suspended by his Pby. And if any Elder concurr or assist in such scandalous conduct, he is to be censured as above. And some Minr of the Pby shall be appointed to preach to such disorderlie Congregation, & represent the evil of such Riotous tumultuous behaviour to them. We farther Overture that this Resolution of the Synod be published by the several Pbyes, in those places of the Country where such Riots have happened, or shall hereafter happen. The above Overture was approved by the Synod, *nem. contra.* Overture

An Appeal from a sentence of the Synod of Derry was presented to this Synod by Hu. Young, &c., in we they complain that several families, in the bounds of Aghadowie, are entertained by Macasque: and praying this Synod, that these families may be ordered to join with, & continue to Aghadowie. The minute of the Synod of Derry, relating to this affair, was read, & all Parties were fully heard. After wc the Synod agreed, to refer it to the Pby of Rout, which is to meet at Bellymony, the 2d Tuesday of July next, with these Correspondents, namely, Messrs Higginbothom, Jas White, Jon and Thos Brown, Hu. Wallace, & Jas Turretine, & an Elder wt each; who are finally to determine sd affair. Aghadowie

The Committee on the affair of Bovidy being now returned, give it as their judgement, that sd People shall pay to Mr Wirling £15, and he give them a clear & full discharge. Wc the Synod approves. Bovidy

A Supplication from Drumbannaghar was presented to this Synod by Neth. Henry, in we they complain that Mr King, a member of Com. of Drumbanaghar

Drummore Pby, came into the bounds of that Congregation, tho belonging to Armagh Pby, & disunited several of that People, from s^{d} Congregation, and joined them to Mr Mulligan. Mr King denyes that he did so; but says, that as some people there had been left at libertie, by the Synod in 1742, to join other Congregations, as they thought proper; they paying their proportion of Arrear, due by Drumbannaghar to Mrs Heslem. That he Mr King, went by ye appointment of Drummore Pby to secure s^{d} money for the widow which he accordingly did by taking Penal bonds for it.

Drumbannaghar, by their Comm^{r}, complain in particular that one Ja^{s} Reid, in their bounds, has been received & encouraged by ye Pby of Drummore, contrary to the order of this Church. That Pby alledge, & say, that they believe that the above person belongs to Port-norris. They were all heard, & being removed, the Synod, after reasoning, observes that the Pby of Drummore, thro a mistake in that matter, had intermedled in an affair, which did not come regularly before them. And recommend it to s^{d} Pby to be more cautious for the future.

Munterbirn

A Supplication from Munterbirn was presented to this Synod, by Ja^{s} Durham, &c., desiring to be supplyed by Mr Jo^{n} Ker from Derry Pby, & Messrs Tate & Todd, from Rout Pby, for the space of one month each. The Synod grants the supplication, & appoints Mr Ker for the month of Augt. Mr Tate for Sept^{r}, & Mr Todd for Oct^{r}.

Armagh Pby move that the Synod would do something for accommodating the differences still subsisting between them & Drummore Pby, before the Members goe off, & the Synod become too thin. Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning. Interloqr at 8. Concluded w^{t} prayer.

Sess. 6ta

Die Veneris Hora 9na Mane &c.

The Pby of Drummore, now, gave in a Paper remonstrating against what was done, last night, in relation to ye affair of Drumbannagher w^{c} was read, & returned again to s^{d} Pby.

Scruplers in Maghera

The Pby of Rout now brought in some Resolutions in the affair of the scruplers who desired dismisses from Maghera Congregation, w^{c} were read, & are as follows, viz.

R. 1

Res. 1. That tho some unguarded expressions might have drop'd from Mr Smylie, which might have given some umbrage of offence to these scrupling B^{n}, yet the Pby are, in the general, satisfyed of his soundness, by his explication of himself to them, upon these subjects, which were alledged as grounds of their scruples.

R. 2

Res. 2^{d} In regard these B^{n} seem to be under insuperable Prejudices, to continue them under Mr Smylie's ministry, would answer no end of edification: the Pby therefore agree to allow them libertie to join such Congregations, as they conveniently can, till their scruples be removed; which we hope, may be effected by Mr Smylie's conversing with them, which we earnestly recommend to both. This

libertie extends only to these Commiss^{rs} & their Constituents. Which Constituents, this Synod orders to be enquired into, and fixed by the Pby of Rout. Provided allwise they discharge all stipend, & arrear of stipend, due to Maghera, at this Instant. To w^{c} an amendment was added by several E^{n} in these words, namely, that these Scruplers shall continue to pay their stipend to Maghera, as formerlie. After w^{c} both parties were again heard, & being removed; the question was put, viz: approve the Resolutions brought in by the Pby of Rout, without the amendment, or not? The Roll being called, it was carried in the affirmative, by a great majority.

The affair of Bovidy with respect to their desire of having the £10 of the Fund, continued to them, as formerlie, is refered by this Synod by the Pby of Rout w^{c} meets in July next, with Correspondents. Bovidy

Armagh Pby now again insist on what they moved for last Sederunt.

A supplication from some People in Market-hill, was presented to this Synod by Mich^{l}. Ochletree, Hu. White, &c., desiring that they, & their Constitutents may be put under the care of Drummore Pby, and that they may be supplyed by s^{d} Pby. It was alledged on the other side, that these supposed constituents have not given sufficient evidence of any such power to send these Commrs: but that if it really appeared, to the Pby of Armagh, to be the sentiment of that People that they desire dismisses, they shall readily grant them, in order to their joining other Congregations. It was farther complained of, by the Pby of Armagh, & they say that they are ready to prove it; that the Pby of Drummore had sent supplyers to Market-hill, tho that Congregation be under the care of the Pby of Armagh. Drummore insist that as this affair has been published, in print, to the world, the Synod would allow them to follow it thither, & leave it to that issue; but at the same time, are satisfyed to have it tryed by the Synod. Armagh & Drummore Pbyes in the affair of Market Hill

Adjourned to 4 afternoon. Concluded w^{t} prayer.

Sess. 7ma

Hora 4ta post meridiem &c.

The affair of Armagh and Drummore Pbyes, with reference to Market-hill, was now resumed: and the Pby of Drummore offered several things to exculpate their sending supplyers to that People. They were all heard at great length, & being removed. The Synod reasoned on the affair, & then came to the following Resolutions, viz:

Res. 1. That the Pby of Drummore have acted an irregular and offensive part in supplying the Malecontents of Market-hill, and that s^{d} Pby shall send no more supplyes to that People, till next Synod. Res. 1

Res. 2. That these discontented People may be allowed to hear, and receive sealing ordinances in Neighbouring Congregations, till ye meeting of the Pby of Armagh, upon Certificates from Mr Ferguson, or his Elders; and that at s^{d} Pby, such as shall ask dismisses, shall have them, provided they be free of scandal. Res. 2

Res. 3

Res. 3. Whereas the Pby of Armagh have published a Paper entitled an appeal to the impartial world; this Synod thinks that such conduct was imprudent, & had no tendency to promote peace.

Res. 4

Res. 4. That the Pby of Armagh, with Correspondents, at Market-hill the 11th of July next, shall enquire into the *fama clamosa*, in reference to Mr Ferguson, and that the people who scruple being under his miñry, attend s^d^ Pby, to give all the light they can. These Correspondents to be as follow, viz. From Tyrone, Messrs Jo^n^ Kennedy & Gibson. From Bangor, Messrs M^c^Cullogh & Huey. From T.Patk, Messrs Patton & Moorhead. From Killeleagh, Messrs M^c^Combe & Henry and an Elder with each. Who are to meet with & assist the Pby of Armagh, in issuing that affair; and this is done for the case & satisfaction of that Scrupling People. These Resolutions were agreed to by the Synod, *nem: con:* and Parties being called in, they were read to them.

And^r^. Kennedy

Mr And^r^. Kennedy of Morn, supplicated this Synod, that he, & his Congregation, may be joined to the Pby of Bangor. The Synod considering the reasonableness of s^d^ Request, agreed to it.

The Committee of Overtures laid the two following before the Synod. Which were agreed to, *nem: contra*, viz.

Overt 1

Overt. 1. That the several Sub-Synods, at their stated Meetings, doe yearly enquire into the conduct of their respective Pbyes, with reference to their observing private, or fraternal Censures; and that s^d^ Synods shall censure such Pbyes, as shall neglect them.

Overt. 2

Overt. 2^d^ That the several Pbyes diligently enquire into, and animadvert upon such marriages, in their respective bounds. as are irregular, especially those of Miñrs & Probationers.

The Mod^r^ concluded the Synod with prayer.

*Interloq^r^* 1. *Die Jovis* June 21, *Hora* 8va *Mane.*

Sligo

This Interloq^r^ considering the weakness of the Congregation of Sligo, & the Importance of having it comfortably planted, agrees that a double portion of ordry R.D. be allowed to their Miñr when he shall be settled among them, over & above their former proportion of the Fund.

Several expedients were proposed for the relief of such widows of Miñrs, as are really poor, but none was fixed on. The farther consideration of this, refer'd to next Interloq^r^.

*Interloq^r^* 2. June ye 22^d^ of Miñrs only.

Min^rs^ Widows

This Interloq^r^ considered the case of widows, & after some reasoning agreed that each Pby shall relieve, in the best way they can, those of them, in their respective bounds, that are really poor, and are not entitled to R.D. on account of ye vacancy of Congregations. And this to be done till next Synod.

It is farther ordered that the several Pbyes send an account to the Clk of the Synod, of such widows as are entitled to R.D. and have been dropt by the Treasurer, or otherwise, sooner than they ought to have been, that the Clk may send an order to the Treasurer to transmitt such deficiencys to ye widows.

Mr Lang our Treasurer now being present, this Interloqr appointed the following Bn to examine, & settle accounts with him, viz: Messrs Lynd, Allexr Brown, Malcolm & Maxwell who after some time, returned, & made report, that upon examination, they found his accounts accurate & fair. Treasurer's Accts.

This Interloqr considered whither this would be a proper time for making application, to C——t for ye removing of some of our Grievances, & an augmentation of R.D. ordered that Messrs Jas White & Menogh prepare a draught of a Letter to this purpose, to be transmitted to Mr Stewart of Bellylane, now in L——n, & another to Mr Gibson there, that they may be considered in next Interloqr.

This Interloqr considering the noise that has been made in some parts of the Country, concerning Mr Wm Armstrong in the Pby of Strabane, his having challenged, or accepted a challenge to a duell & going to the place of combat, armed with sword and pistol, wc this Interloqr looks upon as scandalous in a Miñr of the Gospel. Ordered that the Pby of Strabane enquire into this affair, & make report of their diligence at next Synod. Mr Wm Armstrong

Interloqr 3d. of Minrs only. June 23d *Hora* 8 *Mane.*

Messrs White & Menogh did not write the letters, as appointed in the former Interloqr. It is now agreed that Mr Jas White, in conjunction wt Mr Drennan in Belfast, write to the above named Gentlemen, that they use their interest at C——t for us, and if these Bn receive a favourable answer, then the Synod's fixed Committee is to be called by ye Modr.

JON COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

July ye 26th 1744.

A Synod at Antrim June 18, 1745.

Mr Jon Carlile Modr of the proceeding Synod, opened this by preaching from Phill. 3.6, and then constituted it by prayer. *Post preces Sedt* of

Bangor Pby.

Minrs.	Elders.
Ch: Masterton	Jo^{n} Sewart
Robt Cuningham	Matt. Wilson
And^{r} Malcolm	Wm Swan
Saml Sims	Richd Bety
Ja^{s} Huey	Wm Dalziel
Wm Rodgers	Robt Smith

Killeleagh Pby.

Thos Scott	
Allex^{r} M'Combe	
Ja^{s} Armstrong	
Jo^{n} Strong	Wm Taylour
Wm Dun	

Armagh Pby.

Jo^{n} Menogh	Thos Elliott
Jo^{n} Maxwell	
Geo. Ferguson	Wm Wilson
Hen. Jackson	Robt Cumine

Drummore Pby.

Gilb^{t} Kennedy	Jo^{n} Carlisle
Ja^{s} Allen	Ja^{s} M'Adam
Jo^{n} King	Thos Clingan
Wm Thomson	Wm M'Cullogh
Jo^{n} Mulligan	Robt Leiper

Dublin Pby.

Rob M'Master	
Ch. M'Collum	Wm Simson

Monaghan Pby.

Jon. Carlile	
Jas. Bond	
Jas. Hamilton	
Jas. Gordon	
Thos. Boyle	

Tyrone Pby

Thos. Kennedy	Adam Young
Hu. Wallace	
Jon. Kennedy	
Jon. Gibson	Hu. M'William
Jas. Turretine	

T.Patk Pby.

Minrs.	Elders.
Jas. Cobham.	Jas. Fairies
Allexr. Brown	
Wm Livingstone	
Jas. White	Jas. Brown
Jas. Fraser	Wm Miller
Wm Patton	
Tim. White	Wm Houston
Wm Thomson	Jas. White
Thos. Crawford	Archd. Hunter
Wm Holmes	Mr English
Jon. Moorhead	Thos. Steel
Jon. Thomson	
Thos. Brown	
Wm Henderson	
Jon. Brown	Robt. Phillips
Jon. M'Connel	Robt. Patrick

Strabane Pby.

None present.

Rout Pby.

Robt. M'Bride	Jas. Moor
Jon. Cochran	
Jon. Hill	Thos. Simpson
Jas. M'Creight	Patk. Dickie
Dav. Smylie	
Jas. M'Curdie	
Jon. Semple	Robt. Clark
Jas. Cochran	Jas. Anderson
Robt. Henry	
Fr. O'Bryan	Jon. Cook

Letterkenny Pby.

Wm. Wilson	
Wm. M'Beath	
Jon. Marshal	Jon. Porter
Wm. Laird	
Benj. Holmes	

Derry Pby.

Hen. Ereskine.	Jas. Murrial

Modr.

Mr Carlile moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following B were named as a leet, viz: Messrs. Allen, Moorhead, Jon Kennedy, Menogh, Wilson, Hill, McBeath, & Sims. The Roll was

called, & Mr Moorhead was chosen. And Jon Cochran was continued Clk, *nem. contra.* Clk.

Ordered that the several Presbyteries meet this night, & prepare Returns, to be given to the Clk of the Synod, to-morrow morning, of their Members, for their respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, and Gen1 Synod's fixed Committee. With an account of such Ministers as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed, entered on Tryals, or about to be entered on tryals, since last Synod.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet at 7 to-morrow morning, for prayer; and continue therein to 9. When open Synod shall begin.

Concluded with prayer.

Die Mercurij, Hora nona, Mane. After prayer, *Sedt qui Supra.* Sess. 2da

The time appointed for prayer was observed. And it was now agreed to, that in the following Synod, the Persons who shall preside in prayer, shall be nominated the night before Prayer.

The Presbyteries now made Returns for the committees; as also the following Reports, namely:—

The Pby of Bangor report that Mr Jas McCullogh dimitted his charge at Monyrea Novr 5, 1744, and is gone to N. Brittain. And that Mr Jas Rainie dyed Jany 20, 1744/5. Ordained.

Killeleagh Pby have ordained Mr Jon Strong at Ballynahinch, Octr 10, 1744. And Mr Wm Dun at Killeleagh, May 29, 1745.

Rout Pby have ordained Mr Francis O'Bryan at Grainge, June 4, 1745. Have Licensed Messrs Robt Huey, Jos Mitchel & Allexr Miller, who all subscribed. The have entered Mr Hu Gaston on first, & Mr Sam1 Bays on 2d tryals. They report that Mr Hen. Neil dyed March 10, 1744/5. Licensed. Dead &c.

Dublin Pby report that Mr Hu. Henry dyed Augt 1, 1744, and Mr Jas Smith Febr 23, 1744/5.

Monaghan Pby have ordained Mr Thos Boyle at Five-mile-town, May 21, 1745. And have Licensed Messrs Wm Flemming, Thos Plunket, & Robt Smyth. They all subscribed.

Tyrone Pby have ordained Mr Adam Duffine at Dungannon, Octr 10, 1744, who subscribed. And have entered Mr Jon Ker on 2d tryals.

Letterkenny Pby have ordained Mr Benj. Holmes at Donoghmore Octr 25, 1744. And Mr Andr Hamilton at Donegall, Decr 26, 1744. And have licensed Mr Thos Vance. They all subscribed.

The Members of the Gen1 Synod's fixed Committee are the same as last year only Mr McCullogh, in whose place, the Pby of Bangor are to appoint another. And these with our Modr & Clk, are to meet at Dungannon, when called by the Modr, on any Emergent, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12, at least to be Miñrs. Synod's fixed Com.

Donoghedie. The Committee mett at Donoghedie, but as the minutes of it are not here, we have not a certain account of what was done; only some of the members of it, report that Donoghedie absolutely refused paying ye Fund, either to Sligo, or Moywater; and feared that the Supplyers would be no better paid. The Synod after reasoning, is of opinion that the Presbyteries of Strabane & Letterkenny were faulty, in not having sufficient securities for the arrear, before these congregations in Donoghedie were planted; and that these unhappy consequences are owing to that neglect. Ordered that letters be wrote from this Synod to these Pbyes. Mr McBride to write to Letterkenny, & Mr Jon Maxwell to Strabane Pby.

The Referees in the debates about the Old Meeting house in N.town Lemmavaddie, have come to an agreement, & settled that affair.

Mrs Hemphill. Several Miñrs have contributed to the relief of Mrs Hemphill; a good many have not. The recommendation is renewed with respect to those who have not yet contributed; and that the former Collectors in each Pby use diligence, in order to the getting it.

Next Synod. Next Synod to be at Dungannon, the 3d Tuesday of June, 1746. Sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon.

The Pby of Monaghan, with Correspondents, transported Mr David Hutchison from Breaky, to Monaghan.

Mr Ferguson. The Pby of Armagh, with Correspondents mett on the affair of Mr Ferguson, & the Malecontents in Markst-hill. The Minutes of that Pby in reference to it were read in the Synod; by wc it appears that ye Libel brought against Mr Ferguson, was not proved; and that this was the unanimous judgment of that Pby.

It is refer'd to the Committee of Overtures, to bring in one for the more punctual attendance of the members, at their respective Sub-Synods.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Concluded wt prayer.

Sess. 3tia *Hora 5ta post Meridiem &c.*

Drogheda. A Letter from the dissenting Congregation in Drogheda, desiring that they may be dismissed from this Synod, was read, wherein they represent that it will be more for their interest, to join the Southern Association. The Synod after some reasoning, agreed to grant the Request.

Absts. excused. Absent from this Synod, and excused, are Messrs Jas Stewart, Fr. Montgomrie, Neth. Orr, Jas Reid, Wm Smith, Saml Forgie, Jas Johnston, Robt Gordon, Ch. Lynd, Jas Thomson, Robt Knox, Fr. Ross, Jon Orr, Jon Thomson, Robt Brown, Alexr Cummine, Bapt Boyd, Alexr Flemming. Wm Hare, Patk. Plunket, Andr Dean, Jon Macleve, Hu. Sharp, Saml Dunlop, Wm Boyd, David Fairlie, Robt Wirling, Jon Holmes, Jon McGaughie, Jon Stirling, Thos Harvey, Majr. Murray, Nin. Cochran, & Thos Strawbridge.

Absent & no excuse from them are Messrs Hu. Dickson, Saml Allex^{r}, And^{r} Kennedy, Hu. Will^{m}son, Gilb^{t} Kennedy jun., Mich^{l} Henry, Geo. Cherry, Ja^{s} Moody, Geo. Henry, Robt Higginbothom, Jo^{n} Lewson, the whole Pby of Strabane, Gid^{n} Neilson, Jo^{n} Algeo, Wm Ambrose, Allex^{r} McKye, Geo. Carson, Ja^{s} Clark, Dav. Hutchison, Hu. Mulligan, Allex^{r} Wadsworth, Robt Stewart, Ja^{s} Orr, Ch. Caldwell, Adam Duffine, And^{r} Hamilton, And^{r} Ferguson, Dav. Harvey, Thos Bond, Jo^{n} Montgomrie, Jo^{n} Lisle, Dav. Walker, Jo^{n} Hood, & Wm Hare. Not excused.

From Lisburn appeared Mr Wm Nichol, & presented a Commiss^{n} & Supplication from that Session and Congregation, desiring that they may be disannexed from the Pby of T. Patk, & joined to that of Bangor. The Synod considered, & granted ye Supplication. Lisburn.

A Supplication was given in to this Synod, by the Pby of Drummore, desiring that Mr Sims, & ye Congregation of Anahilt may be joined to the above Pby. This refer'd to next Sed^{t}.

Thos Gilliland, some time a member of Port Norris Session, presented a Supplication to this Synod, wherein he complains that the Pby of Drummore had proceeded against him in an irregular manner, & had given him an advice, w^{c} he the Complainaint, looks upon to be equal to a censure, namely, that s^{d} Gilliland shall cease from acting, for the future, in the quality of an Elder. The Pby of Drummore, and he were heard. And after some reasoning, the Synod agreed, that the whole of this affair be refer'd to ye Synod of Armagh, at their next meeting; and it is recommended to the Members of that Synod that they attend better, than formerlie. Parties are also ordered to attend. It is also agreed that s^{d} Sub-Synod meet, for this time, sooner than usual, & that their Meeting be at Armagh, & that the Members of it, now present meet immediately after this Sed^{t} and agree among themselves, as to the time of their meeting. Thos Gilliland

A considerable arrear of the Fund, due to the late Mr Henry of Drogheda, to be considered in the Interloq^{r}.

Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning. Interloq^{r} at 8. Concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis Hora nona. Mane, &c. Sess 4ta

The Supplication of Drummore Pby, in reference to Anahilt, was now resumed; Jo^{n} Mathews, &c., presented a supplication from that Session and Congregation, signifying their desire to be under the care of s^{d} Pby. The Pby of Bangor being called, said they had nothing to observe, provided Drummore Pby would withdraw their supplication of last night; w^{c} that Pby did. Several Papers were read, from some People in Anahilt, remonstrating against this Request, Mr Sims objected against these Papers, as not regularily brought in to ye Synod and that no Comm^{r} appeared to support them. The Synod after some reasoning, leaves it to Mr Sims, & his Session, to do in this affair, as they shall see most expedient. Anahilt.

Sub-Synod's Books.

The Revisers of the Sub-Synod books observe that Armagh book was not delivered to them; that they had revised the books of Derry & Belfast, and that they approved these books; as also doth this Synod.

A Supplication from several Members of the Presbyteries, of Rout & T.Patk, was read in the Synod, requesting that a new one be erected out of these two Presbyteries, w^c^ seem to be too numerous, & that this new one be called the Pby of B.mena. The Synod reasoned on ye affair & then refer'd it to next Sed^t^. Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Committees at 4. Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 5ta

Hora 5ta post meridiem &c.

New Pby at B.mena.

The affair of the desired Pby of B.mena, was now resumed, and the Synod again reasoned on it for some time; & observes from the repeated declarations of the B^n^ who are for this new Pby, that it is not from any dissatisfaction with their B^n^ who continue in the old Pbyes, but purely for the sake of convenience, that they make this Request. And then the Synod agreed to grant it. Accordingly a new Pby is erected at B.mena, w^e^ is to consist of the following Congregations, namely, B.mena, Braid, Clogh, Cullybacky, Glenone, Ahoghill, Grainge, Drumaul, Antrim, Connor, Glenarm, & Coleraine. And if any other Congregation lying convenient to join s^d^ Pby, think proper so to do, they have libertie to join it. It is also provided that none of the above Congregations shall be oblidged to join s^d^ Pby, unless their Miñ^r^ & Session agree to it. Some of the members of the old Pby of T.Patk remonstrated against the above Grant. Upon which the question was put, viz: approve of the above Resolution, or not? The Roll was called, and it was carried in the affirmative by a great majority. It is also agreed that this new Pby shall be joined to the Sub-Synod of Bellfast.

Mr Moorhead.

Mr Moorhead desired leave to join himself, & his Congregation to the Pby of Bangor, provided it be agreeable to his Session and Congregation, when consulted upon it. The Synod granted ye Request.

Fast.

This Synod considering the awfull tokens of the Divine displeasure against this part of the world, discovered in the unnatural seasons, threatening a scarcity of bread, as also the bloodshed abroad; occasioned by a destructive war; and the many crying sins, too visible everywhere, w^c^ provoke an holy and jealous God to pour down his judgments upon us; has agreed that the first Wednesday of Augt next, be observed as a Fast, by those of our Communion, in the bounds of this Synod. And if s^d^ day be inexpedient for any Congregation to observe; the Miñr & Session may fix on some other, as near the above day, as conveniently they can.

A Collection was now made in the Synod, for the relief of Mr Dalrymple, & Mrs Stirling.

Markethill.

A Commiss^n^ & Supplication from some discontented People in Markethill, was presented to this Synod, by Michael Ochletree, desiring

that they may be put under the care of the Pby of Drummore. It was observed by the B^{n} of Armagh Pby, that if these People shall be erected, it will be prejudicial to some of the neighbouring Congregations. The Pby of Drummore promise, in case s^{d} People be put under their care, they will not erect them, w^{t}out the leave and direction of the Synod. The Comm̄^{r} was fully heard, and being removed, the Synod considered & reasoned on ye affair, and the Pbyes of Armagh & Drummore waved their priviledge as to their judging on it, & being withdrawn; the question was put, namely, Shall this Synod order these People to join Port Norris, or any other Congregation, now subject to ye Pby of Drummore; or shall they, as a separate body, be immediately put under the care of that Pby? The Roll was called, & it was carryed for the first branch of the question, by a great majority.

A Supplication from Caple-Street was presented to this Synod by M^{r} McCollum, desiring that the several Presbyteries may be ordered to send such Supplyers to that Congregation, as they, from time to time, shall write for; particularly that Mr Tim. White may supply them for six weeks, beginning the 3^{d} Sab. of July next. The Synod granted the Supplication. Caple-Street

A Supplication was presented to this Synod by Mr Ja^{s} Foster, setting forth that he had been entered on tryals, by the Pby of Tyrone, that his tryals had been discontinued for about two years, that he knows not why he should be thus treated; and begging that this Synod would appoint a Committee to enquire into that affair. The Synod orders that this matter be enquired into, & issued, by the Sub-Synod of Armagh, at their next meeting. Mr Jas Foster.

The Members of the Synod of Armagh now report that they have fixed their next Meeting to the 2^{d} Tuesday of Octr next. Adjourned to 10 to-morrow morning. Interloq^{r} at 8. Armagh Synod.

Concluded with prayer.

Die Veneris, Hora decima mane &c. Sess. 6ta.

It was moved by the Pby of Drummore, that the Resolution of last night, with respect to the Malecontents in Markethill, be explained. The motion was considered, & the Synod gave this as their sense of it, viz: That no publick preaching be allowed to that People, but at the former usual, and stated place, or places of publick worship.

It was moved and agreed to, that the several Sub-Synods inspect into the Formulas of Subscription to the Confession, used by the several Presbyteries, in their respective bounds; and if they shall observe any material difference in them, that they report it to next Genl Synod. Formulas

There being many heavy complaints from the Miñrs settled on the Synodical Fund, w^{t} respect to the great arrear due to them; it was overtured, & agreed to, that the several Presbyteries belonging to this Synod shall, as soon as possible, take the voluntary subscriptions of ach Congregation under their care; and bring s^{d} subscriptions to next Overture for the Fund.

Genl Synod, together with a list of the Congregations that are upon the Fund in their respective bounds. And that each Pby appoint a Treasurer to receive the mony subscribed by each Congregation, and bring it to the Genl Synod, at their next meeting; that a proportional summe may be paid to every Miñr on the Fund.

The Mod[r] concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq[r] 1. June 20.

Mrs Cochran. Ordered that Mrs Cochran be paid the arrear of R.D. due to her, down to midsummer 1744 Inclusive.

Mrs Holmes, Ordered that the arrear due to Mrs Holmes of Urnie, before it became due to M[r] M[c]Beath, be transmitted to her, and that as Urnie is now vacant by the transportation of M[r] M[c]Beath to Ushers Quay, Dublin. the Ord[rs] R D. be continued to her, during the vacancy of that Congregation.

Minrs Widows. The Miñrs now present made a Return of widows, judged to be really poor; & they are as follow, namely, Mrs Cochran, M[c]Lane of Banbridge, Sinclare, Crawford, Hastings, Stirling, Dykes, Hemphill, Glasgow, Tomb, Vance, & Drummond. The following B[n], viz: Messrs Masterton, Livingstone, Gilb[t] & Tho[s] Kennedy, M[c]Master, & Ja[s] White are appointed to bring in an Overture for the relief and support of these widows, to next Interloq[r].

Sermon. Some few B[n]. who had taken exceptions at some expression in M[r] Carlile's sermons, now desired that he would satisfy them: they specified the passages, w[c] they looked upon as offensive; and M[r] Carlile condescended to read them, and gave such explanations of them, as were satisfying to these B[n]. & to ye Interloq[r].

Interloq[r] 2. June 21.

Magheraly. A case was laid before this Interloq[r] concerning some debates between Magheraly, and M[r] And[r] Kennedy, who having had a call from that People, was for some time lodged among them, & now that he has given up their call, his lodging is charged on him, tho he received no money for that time. The Interloq[r] is unanimously of opinion, that the above Congregation should, at least, pay for his lodging, during the time he supplyed there.

Sligo. Application was made to this Interloq[r] that the Congregations, in arrear of the Fund to M[r] Ash, late of Sligo, in June 1742, may be ordered to pay it. A List of the arrear, and of the Congregations who owe it, was laid before us & the Interloq[r] ordered the Clk to write, in their name, to the Pbyes, to whom these Congregations respectively belong, that they may use all possible diligence, in order to have s[d] arrear paid.

Case of Blasphemy. The Pby of T. Patk proposed a case to this Interloq[r], viz., what censure shall be inflicted on a Person convicted of Blasphemy? The

Interloqr having heard the several circumstances of that case, as also that the Pby of T.Patk had ordered the guilty person to be rebuked before them, and also before his Session; and that these Rebukers be published to the Congregation, to wc the person belongs. Then the question was put, viz., approve the Pby's conduct, or not? The Roll was called, and it was carryed, unanimously, in the affirmative.

Overture for Minrs. Widows.

The Bn. appointed to form an Overture for the relief of poor widows, now brought in one, wc was read, & is as follows, viz. That each Miñr of this Synod subscribe what they will voluntarily devote for the support of Miñrs widows, who are very poor; and proper objects of charity; & that one in each Pby be appointed to receive the mony so subscribed, & bring, or transmitt it to next Genl Synod, to be disposed of, as that Judicature shall think fitt. And inasmuch as this cannot be of any present use for these necessitous Widows, it is farther Overtur'd, that till the above Overture can be reduced to practice, the Pbyes or particular Synods, in whose bounds, sd Widows live, shall take the best care of them, they can. Which Overture was unanimously agreed to by the Interloqr.

Mr McMaster's bounty.

Mr McMaster has generously proposed to give 20 shill. ℔ an. to to each of the following widows, out of his own pocket, namely, to Mrs Sinclare, Crawford, Cochran, Hastings, Stirling, Vance, and Tomb, and this to be continued during his, or their natural lives; and he has now paid down this present year. For wc generous charity he had the thanks of ye Interloqr.

Mrs Henry of Drogheda.

A Melancholy representation was laid before this Interloqr by the Execrs of Mr Henry, late of Drogheda, wherein is set forth that a very great summe of Arrear of the Fund, is still due to his Heirs. A List was given in of the summs due by several of the Congregations, who were to pay to Mr Henry. The Interloqr considering that these Congregations are all subject to the Synod of Belfast (excepting Loghbrickland) recommends it to that Synod to use all proper diligence, that these Congregations may be excited to do justice in that affair. And that Drummore Pby use their interest wt Loghbricland to the same effect. A List of the Arrear was given to the Clk of Belfast Synod. It is farther ordered, that the several Localities be continued to Mrs Henry for this current year,

JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

July 13, 1745.

A Synod at Dnngannon, June ye 17th 1746.

Mr Jon Moorhead Modr of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Ephes: 5. 8, and then constituted it by prayer. After which *sederunt* Ministers and Elders from the respeccive Pbyes as follow. Namely, from

Killeleagh Pby.		Strabane Pby.	
Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Allexr M'Combe		Victr Ferguson	
Jon. Strong			
Wm. Dunn		Rout Pby.	
Armagh Pby.		Ch. Lynd	Mat. Langwill
		Robt. M'Bride	Jon King
Jon Menogh	Thos. Gilpin	Jon Cochran	Jas. Todd
Geo. Cherry	Robt. Hutchison	Dav. Smylie	
Hen. Jackson		Allexr Cumine	
Drummore Pby.		Dublin Pby.	
Jas Allen	Saml. Thomson	Willm. M'Beath	
Jon King	Jas. Potts		
Saml. Sims		Monaghan Pby.	
Wm. Thomson	Robt. Allen		
Jon Mulligan	Saml. Reid	Bapt. Boyd	
		Path. Plunket	Mr Baxter
T. Patk Preby.		Jon. Carlile	Sam. Smith
		Jas. Hamilton	
Tim. White		Wm. Ambrose	
Willm. Henderson		Allexr M'Kye	
		Geo. Carson	
B.mena Pby		Jas. Clark	Jon. Boyd
		Dav. Hutchison	
Robt Higinbothom		Jas. Gordon	Robt. Hamilton
Jas. White		Allexr Wadsworth	Allexr Wilson
Jon. Hill		Thos. Boyle	Jon. Dunlop
Jas. M'Creight	Mat. Harper		
Jas. Cochran	Wm. Green	Letterkenny Pby.	
Fr. O'Bryan	Adam Dickie		
		Saml. Dunlop	
Tyrone Pby.		Wm. Wilson	
		Jos. Kinkead	Jas. Foster
Hu: Wallace			
Jon Kennedy	Jer. Wilson	Derry Pby.	
Jas. Orr			
Jon Gibson	Gabr McLane	Hen. Erskine	Wm. Torbit
Ch. Caldwell	Jas. Smith		
Jas. Turretine	Robt Graham	Bangor Pby.	
Adam Duffine	Jon Anderson		
Jon. Ker	Jas. Durham	Jon. Moorhead	Thos. Steele

Modr. Mr Moorhead proposed that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following Bretheren were named as a Leet, viz. Messrs Menogh, King, Henderson, Higinbothom, Victr Ferguson, Smylie,

Hamilton, Jo^{n} Kennedy, & Wilson. The Roll was called, and Mr Higinbothom was chosen. And Jo^{n} Cochran was continued Clk, *nem. con.*

Ordered that the several Pbyes meet this night, & prepare Returns, to be given to the Clk of the Synod, to-morrow morning, of their Members for the respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, and the Genl Synod's fixed Committee. As also an account of such Miñrs, as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed, entered on Tryals, since last Synod. Ordered that all the Members of this Synod meet at 7 to-morrow morning, for prayer, & continue therein till 9. When open Synod shall begin. Clk.

Concluded with prayer.

Die Mercurij Hora nona Mane. Post preces Sed^{t} qui Supra. Sess. 2da

The time appointed for prayer was observed. Prayer.

The Pbyes now made Returns of their Members for the respective Committees. As also the following Reports, namely :—

The Pby of Drummore have entered Messrs Saml Thomson & Ja^{s} Baxter on first tryals. The report that Mr Gilb^{t} Kennedy dyed July 8, 1745.

T.Pby have Ordained Mr Clotworthy Brown, Feby^{r} 5, 1745/6. Strabane Pby have entered Mr Thos Thomson on first tryals. Ordained. Licensed. Dead, &c.

Rout Pby have Licensed M^{r} Hu. Gaston, who subscribed; and have entered Mr Jo^{n} Logue on 2^{d} tryals. They report that Mr Jo^{n} Orr dyed Dec. 5, 1745, and Mr Knox Ap^{r} 1, 1746.

Monaghan Pby report that Mr Wm Hare dyed Novr 29, 1746.

Tyrone Pby have ordained Mr Jo^{n} Ker at Munterbirn, Octr 9, 1745, who subscribed. They report that Mr Robt Stewart dyed Ap^{r} 11, 1746.

Letterkenny Pby have Ordained Mr Jos. Kinkead at Stranorlar, Septr 4, 1745, who subscribed; and have entered Mr Robt Law on first Tryals.

Bangor Pby have Ordained M^{r} Ja^{s} McKean at Monyrea, June, 1746.

The Members of the Genl Synod's Fixed Committee are :— Synod's fixed Com.

For Killeleagh Pby, Messrs Williamson & McCombe.

For Armagh, Messrs Menogh & Moodie, Mr Jo^{n} Moodie, Elder.

For Drummore, Messrs Allen & King, Mr Ja^{s} Ker, Elder.

For T.Patk, Messrs Fraser & White.

For B.mena, Messrs White & Hill, M^{r} Ch. Johnstoun, Elder.

For Strabane, Messrs Hemphill & Armstrong.

For Rout, Messrs Cochran & Smylie, Mr Jackson Clark, Elder.

For Dublin. No return.

For Monaghan, Messrs McKye & Carson.

For Tyrone, Messrs Jo^{n} Kennedy & Duffine.

For Letterkenny, Messrs Boyd and Fairlie.

For Derry, Messrs Ferguson & Dav. Harvey.

For Bangor, Messrs Cuningham & Malcolm, Mr Jo^{n} Brown, Elder.

These with our Mod^{r} and Clk are to meet at Maghrafelt, when called by the Mod^{r} on any Emergent, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least, to be Ministers.

Donoghedie.

Nothing has been done by the Pbyes of Letterkenny and Strabane, with reference to the Arrear, due by Donoghedie to the Fund, & to the Supplyers, which these Pbyes say, is owing to their not receiving Letters, as appointed last Synod This Synod appoints Mr Menogh to write to Strabane, & Mr Lynd to Letterkenny Pbyes; and that a joint Committee of the two Pbyes meet at Donoghedie, the 2^{d} Wednesday of Augt next, to adjust that affair.

Mrs Hemphill

The Appointment with reference to Mrs Hemphill, is renewed w^{t} respect to those who have not yet contributed to her relief: and that these contributions be raised, & paid to the several Collectors, formerlie appointed, before the first of Novr next.

Reading Synod's Minutes.

It being alledged that the neglect of charitable recommendations from this Synod, is owing to Pbyes not regularly reading the Minutes of the Genl Synod; it is recommended to the several Pbyes, that at their next meeting, after their receiving a Copy of the Synod's minutes, they be read, & that such reading be recorded in their respective books; & that Sub Synods, in revising Pbyes books, take notice of it, & censure such Pbyes as shall be guilty of neglect herein.

Next Synod.

Next Synod to be at Maghrafelt the 3^{d} Tuesday of June, 1747. Sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon.

The Synod of Armagh took the Complaint of Thos Gilliland, under their consideration, & issued it.

Mr Sims and his Congregation have joined themselves to the Pby of Drummore, since last Synod.

Mr Moorhead & his Congregation have also joined the Pby of Bangor.

It is now ascertained that by Coleraine in the new Pby erected in B.mena, last Synod, the old Congregation there is to be understood.

The Fast appointed last Synod was observed.

Dissent.

Upon reading the minute of last Synod, with reference to the explication, in the affair of the Malecontents in Markethill, Mr King observes that he then desired that his dissent might be entered, and as it was not then done, he now insists on it; & it is now entered accordingly.

A Letter from Sr Arthur Gore, in favour of Mr Wilson of Moywater, was read in the Synod, representing the melancholy situation he is in; and that this Synod would do something for his Relief. The Modr is appointed to write an answer to it, in name of the Synod. Sr Arthr Gore

Mr Jas Archibald Commissr from the third Cangregation in Belfast presented a Supplication to this Synod, desiring that Mr Wm Laird from the Pby of Letterkenny, may be appointed to supply that Congregation for the month of July next, Mr Buchannan from Strabane, for Augt, Mr Young from Strabane, for Septr, and Mr Vance from Letterkenny for Octr. And farther that this Synod would enjoin the several Pbyes to send such other Supplyers as they shall, from time to time write for, till next Synod. The Synod granted ye Supplication. Adjourned to 5 Afternoon. The Committees to meet at 3. And the Synod to resolve it self into an Interloqr immediately after this Sedt. Concluded with prayer.

Hora 5ta post meridiem &c. Sess. 3tia.

A Letter from Mr Welsh was read in the Synod, wherein he complains that £40 : 0 : 0 was still due to him from the new Erection in Ardstra, and that the Pby of Letterkenny was about to settle a Minister there notwithstanding that arrear. The Synod appoints the following Bn. namely, Messrs Boyd, Marshal, Benj. Holmes, & Kinkead from the Pby of Letterkenny, and from Strabane, Messrs Ferguson, Donaldson, Smith & Armstrong, to meet as a Committee at the town of Ardstra, the 3d Thursday of July next, to adjust this affair. And that the Committee use their best endeavours to have the arrear, justly due, to Mr Welsh, either paid, or secured, before that Erection be planted. And in case sd Committee cannot issue that affair, then the Settlement of the Erection shall sist till the meeting of the Sub-Synod of Derry, or the Gen1 Synod's fixed Committee, that shall first come. Ardstra.

Upon application of several Bn. this Synod agrees to erect a new Sub-Synod at B.mena, to consist of the following Presbyteries, namely, Rout, B.mena, & Drummore: & that these Pbyes meet immediately after this Sederunt, and fix the time of their first meeting. New Sub-Synod.

A Supplication from Aghadowie was presented to this Synod by Issaac White, &c., representing the inability of that antient Congregation to support a Minister; and supplicating that some assistance may be allowed by this Synod to encourage their resettlement. They are recommended by the Synod, to the Pby of Rout, for a share of the Fund, to be raised by that Pby. Aghadowie.

A Supplication from Ninian Barkley & Jas Wilson in Maghera was laid before this Synod, setting forth that their houses and effects, to the amount of £150 : 0 : 0 were destroyed by an accidental fire, in May last; & praying for relief. The Synod recommends them to the Several Sessions, for the benefit of one day's collection, and to other charitably disposed persons, of our perswasion, in the bounds of the Synod. Ninian Barkley, &c.

Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning. Committees at 7. An Interloq^{r} immediately after this Sed^{t}. Concluded w^{t} prayer.

Sess. 4ta.

Die Jovis. Hora nona Mane, &c.

Enniskillen.

A Supplication was presented to this Synod, from Enniskillen by Arch^{d} McDonald, setting forth the melancholy circumstances of that Congregation: and that there is a prospect of some encouragement, provided they be soon replanted, but that there is now such a load of arrear on them, that they cannot see a method for discharging s^{d} arrear, unless this Synod give them some advice & assistance. The Synod refers them to be directed by the Pby of Monaghan.

Arrear of the Fund.

This Synod considering the great Arrear of the Fund still due to the heirs of the late Messrs Henry, Hemphill, & Dick, are of opinion that the Congregations that owe s^{d} arrear shall be reckoned infamous for their injustice, in case they shall not pay it before next Genl Synod.

Overture

It is agreed that the Overture of last Synod, concerning the Fund, be now confirmed, & again inserted, at large, in the Minutes of this Synod, and it is as follows, viz: That the several Pbyes belonging to this Synod shall, as soon as possible, take the voluntary subscriptions of each Congregation, under their care; and bring such subscriptions to next Genl Synod, together with a List of the Congregations, that are upon the Fund, in their respective bounds; and that each Pby appoint a Treasurer. to receive the mony subscribed by each Congregation and bring, or send it to the Genl Synod, at their next meeting, that a proportional summe may be paid to every Min̄r on the Fund. This Synod farther appoints the following B^{n}. to be Collectors, namely. For Killeleagh Pby, Mr Strong. For Armagh, Mr Cherry. For Drummore, Mr Allen. For T.Patk., Mr Tim. White. For B.mena, Mr Brown. For Strabane, Mr Ferguson. For Rout, Mr Cochran. For Dublin, M^{r} McBeath. For Monaghan, Mr Ambrose. For Tyrone, Mr Duffine. For Letterkenny, Mr Dunlop. For Derry, Mr Hood. And for Bangor, Mr Moorhead.

Absents excused

Absent from this Synod & excused are, Messrs Ja^{s} Reid, Wm Smith, Ja^{s} Johnstown, Robt Gordon, Ja^{s} Cobham. Allex^{r} Brown, Wm Livingstone, Ja^{s} Fraser, Jo^{n} Thomson, Thos Brown, Ja^{s} Maxwell, Neh. Donaldson, And^{r} Welsh, Ja^{s} Thomson, Fr. Ross, Jo^{n} Thomson, Robt Brown, Robt Henry, Robt McMaster, Ch. McCollum, Allex^{r} Flemming, Ja^{s} Bond, And^{r}. Dean, Thos Kennedy, Jo^{n} Macleve, Hu. Sharp, Robt Wirling, Jo^{n} McGaughy, Jo^{n} Marshal, Willm Laird, Benj. Holmes, And^{r}. Hamilton, Jo^{n} Stirling, Thos Harvey, Maj^{r}. Murray, Nin. Cochran, Thos Strawbridge, And^{r}. Ferguson, Ja^{s} Stewart, Ch. Masterton. Fr. Montgomrie, & Neth. Orr.

Not excused

Absent and no excuse from them are, Messrs Hu. W^{m}son, Saml Forgie, Thos Scott, Gilb^{t} Kennedy, Ja^{s} Armstrong, Michael Henry, Jo^{n} Maxwell, Ja^{s} Moodie, Geo. Ferguson, Geo. Henry, Wm Thomson, Thos Crawford, Jo^{n} McConnell, Jo^{n} Lewson, Clot. Brown, Wm Holmes,

Jo^n Brown, Ja^s McCurdie, Jo^n Semple, Jo^s Hemphill, Ja^s Smith, Wm Armstrong, Jo^s Osborne, Gid^n Neilson, Wm Patton, Jo^n Algeo, Hu. Mulligan, Wm Boyd, Dav. Fairlie, John Holmes, Dav. Harvey, Thos Bond, Jo^n Montgomrie, Jo^n Lile, Dav. Walker, Jo^n Hood, Wm Hare, Robt Cuningham, And^r Malcolm, Hu Dickson, Saml Allex^r, And^r Kennedy, Ja^s Huey, Wm Rodgers, & Ja^s McKean.

A Letter from Mr. Ch. McCollum was read, representing it as the desire of the Session and Congregation of Caple-Street, Dublin, that the order formerlie granted for the supplying that Congregation, be now renewed. Which was agreed to by that Synod. Caple-street

None of the Sub-Synods books were given to the Committee for revising them, but that of Derry; which the Committee approved, & so doth this Synod.

It was moved, & agreed to, that Mr Higinbothom be joined to the Pby of Rout; provided that Pby, Mr Higginbothom, and his Session be all satisfyed.

The Mod^r concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq^r. 1.

This Interloq^r considering the peace and Libertie we enjoy, under his Majestie, and the happy success of his Majestie's arms against the Rebels in N.Brittain, agreed that a congratulatory address be drawn up, & sent by this Synod, to him: and that a draught of s^d address be formed & brought in to next Interloq^r by the following B^n. namely, Messrs Higinbothom, Dunlop, Vict^r Ferguson, Ambrose, & McBride. It was farther agreed that a Memorial of our present distressing circumstances, occasioned by the poverty of the Country, be drawn up by Messrs Ja^s White, Menogh, Lynd, Wallace, Carlile, & Jo^n Cochran, & be also laid before next Interloq^r.

Interloq^r. 2.

The Bretheren appointed to bring in a Draught of the Address & Memorial, now produced them, they were read, & with some amendments, agreed to. It was farther agreed that the Address be transmitted to the Miñrs in Dublin, that they by the direction of the Lords Justices, may send it, with a letter, to the Earl of Chesterfield, by him to be presented to the King. The Address is as follows, viz.,

TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTIE. Address

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN MINRS. & ELDERS ASSEMBLED IN A GEN^L SYNOD AT DUNGANNON, JUNE 17, 1746, IN THEIR OWN NAME & IN THE NAME OF ALL THEIR PERSWASION IN THE KINGDOM OF IRELAND.

May it please your Majestie,

We, your Maj^ties most dutifull and loyal subjects, the Miñrs & Elders, &c., beg leave, on this first occasion of our Meeting,

to express the utmost destation of that horrid & unnatural Rebellion, raised in Great Brittain, by perfidious men, enemies to their King, their Country, & their own happyness.

It is therefore with the greatest unanimity & warmth, that we congratulate your Maj^{tie}, on the glorious victory, with which it hath pleased Allmighty God to bless your Maj^{ties} arms, under the auspicious conduct of his royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland; whose wisdom & bravery, worthy of his high birth, has eminently appeared on this occasion; by this victory, the short triumph and vain confidence of the Rebels, has been turned into lasting shame, your loyal subjects delivered from the danger of those complicated evils Popery & Slavery; and your Maj^{ties} throne more firmly established by that, by which your enemies designed to shake it.

No discouragement nor dangers, in the worst of times, have hindered us from discovering our inviolable attatchment to your illustrious house, since the happy settlement of the Protestant Succession: and we now beg leave to assure your Maj^{tie} that it is our firm resolution to persevere in our duty & Loyalty to your Maj^{tie}, on whom, under God, depend all our religious & civil Liberties.

We bless God for the great tranquillity we enjoy, in these times of war, thro ye wise & viligant administration of your Maj^{ties} Deputy ye E. of Chesterfield.

That Allmighty God would unite the hearts of all your subjects in principles of loyalty to your Maj^{tie} that he may crown your arms with new Triumphs, in this present, just & necessary war, restore peace, & perpetuate prosperity to all your Dominions: that he, by whom Kings reign, would preserve your royal life, & continue your Government a support to Protestant Interest, & establish the succession in your august Family, is & shall be, the prayer of, &c.

The Interloqr then considered who would be the proper persons to transact, at C——t, the affair of the memorial: the following B^{n} were named, viz., Messrs Higinbothom, Carlile, Dunlop, Ja^{s} White, McBride, Jo^{n} Maxwell, & McMaster, out of whom, two are to be chosen, to morrow morning by ballotting.

Interloq^{r}. 3.

Mrs. Stewart

Ordered that Mrs Stewart of Donoghadee be paid the arrear of Ord^{ry} R.D. & that she continue to have a share af it, till the Congregation be planted.

Mrs. Hastings

Ordered that Mrs Hastings have a share of the Ord^{ry} R.D. till the Congregation of Balinderry be planted.

Mr. Wilson

It was moved that Mr Wilson of Moywater shall have a double portion of ye Ord^{ry} R.D. in consideration of the importance & weakness of that congregation, and after some reasoning, it was agreed to. And also that a proportion of the fund be taken from Moywater, equal to one portion of the R.D.

It was agreed that Sligo be supplyed by the Synod, for one year; and that a portion of the Ordry R.D. be allowed towards payment of the Supplyers. It was further ordered that the Pby of Letterkenny shall supply them as they can; & that sd Pby may write for such supplyers, as they shall think proper: and that the Pbyes to whom they write, shall send the supplyes if they can. Sligo

Mr M'Master sent the Charity to the widows, as promised last year, & it was transmitted to them.

It was moved that the Commissrs to be sent to C——t, with the Memorial, and to transact our affairs there, be now chosen: some were for delaying their nomination till the several Pbyes be consulted, & that a Committee of the Synod meet soon, & know the mind of the Pbyes, & then nominate the Commissrs. Upon which the question was putt, viz., Nominate them now; or refer it to the Committee? The Roll was called, and it was carryed for their nomination now. And accordingly the Interloqr proceeded to choose the Commissrs, & the plurality of the suffrages were for Messrs White & Maxwell, & in case any of them fail, Mr McMaster is to go in his place, or failing him Mr Higinbothom. It was farther agreed that the Synods fixed Committee meet the first Wednesday of Augt, to consider the time of our Commissrs setting out, according to what light can be had from our friends in L——n & D——n, & that the several Pbyes meet before that time, & send their Instructions to the Committee, by their respective members.

JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

July 7, 1746.

A Synod at Maghrefelt, June 16, 1747.

Mr Robt Higinbothom Modr of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from 1 Tim. 4. 16. And then constituted it by prayer. *Post preces Sedt* of

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh Pby.		**Rout Pby.**	
Jon. Maxwell.	Capt. Bell.	Ch. Lynd	Saml. Woodburn
		Robt. M'Bride	Hu. Hamilton
Drummore Pby.		Jon. Cochran	Jon. Bichet
		Fr. Ross	Archd. Fisher
Jas. Allen.	Jas. M'Adam	Jon. Thomson	Robt. Henry
Jon. King	Jon. Lawrie	Dav. Smylie	Jackson Clark
Saml. Sims	Jas Henry	Robt. Brown	Benj. Brown
Wm. Thomson	Jon. Smith	Gidn. Neilson	Andr. Pattison
		Robt. Henry	Thos. Maghland
T.Patk Pby.		Allexr. Cumine	Robt. Huey
		Jon. Logue	Jon. Huey
Jas. Cobham		Saml. Buys	Robt. Reid
Allexr. Brown	Jon. Suttlington		
Tim. White	Robt. Blackley	**Strabane Pby.**	
Wm. Thomson			
Jon. Thomson	Jas. Lindsay	**None.**	
Wm. Henderson			
Thos. Brown	Thos. M'Cutcheon	**Dublin Pby.**	
B.mena Pby.		Robt. M'Master.	
		Ch. M'Collum	
Robt Higinbothom	Allexr. Patk.		
Jas. White, Sen.	Jon. Hood	**Monaghan Pby.**	
Jon. Hill	Jas. Patton		
Wm. Holmes	Mr. M'Conchy	Jon. Carlile	
Jas. M'Creight	Archd. Brown	Jas. Bond	
Jas. M'Curdie	Jon. Young	Jas. Gordon	Robt. M'Allen
Jon. Semple	Jas. Blackley	Thos. Boyle	
Jas. Cochran	Jas. Dickie		
Fr. O'Bryan			
Jas. White, Jun.	Jon. Bryson	**Derry Pby.**	
Tyrone Pby.		Thos. Bond	Thos. Crockitt
		Jon. Lisle	
Hu. Wallace	Jon. Giveau	Hen. Ereskine	Jas. Horner
Jon. Kennedy	Wm. Man		
Jon. Gibson		**Bangor Pby.**	
Ch. Caldwell.	Dav. Sloan		
Jas. Turretine		Ch. Masterton	Jon. Brown
Adam Duffine	Jon. Anderson	Andr. Malcolm	
Jon. Ker	Robt. Sparks	Saml. Allexr.	Hu. Sprout
		Jas. Huey	Jon. Stitt
Letterkenny Pby.		Wm. Rodgers	
		Wm. Warnock	
Saml. Dunlop			
Wm. Boyd	Jon. Hindman	**Killeleagh Pby.**	
Dav. Fairlie			
Jon. Holmes	Saml. Smith	Allexr. M'Combe	
Wm. Wilson		Jas. Armstrong	Thos. Maxwell
Jon. Marshal		Jon. Strong	
Wm. Laird	Jon. Brown		
Allexr. Miller.	Jon. Kinkead		

Modr. Mr Higinbothom proposed that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following Bn were named as a leet, viz., Messrs Jon

Maxwell, Ja^{s} Allen, Wm Thomson, Ja^{s} McCurdie, Fr. Ross, Ch: McCollum, Jo^{n} Kennedy, Dav. Fairlie, Jo^{n} Lisle, & Saml Allex^{r}. The Roll was called & M^{r} McCurdie was chosen. And Jo^{n} Cochran was continued Clk *nem : contradicente.* Clk.

Ordered that the Several Pbyes meet this night, & prepare Returns to be given to the Clk of the Synod, to morrow morning, of their members for the respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, & Synod's fixed Committee. Together with an account of such minrs as have dyed, been Ordained, or Installed, and of such Candidates as have been Licensed, or entered on tryals since last Synod.

Ordered that all tha members of this Synod meet at 7 to morrow morning, for prayer, & continue therein till 9. When open Synod shall begin.

Concluded w^{t} prayer.

Die Mercurij. Hora nona. Mane. Post preces Sed^{t} qui supra. Sess. 2^{a}

The time appointed for prayer, was observed.

The Pbyes now made returns for the Several Committees: as also the following Reports, namely :

The Pby of Drummore report that they have licensed Mr Saml Thomson, who subscribed: & Installed Mr Saml Sims at Tillilish Novr. 4. 1746. Licensed

B.mena Pby have Ordained Mr Ja^{s} White at Ranaldstown Ap^{r} 28, 1747, who subscribed. Ordained

Mr Jos: Hemphill in the Pby of Strabane dyed June 1747. Dead, &c.

Rout Pby have ordained Mr Jo^{n} Logue at Dunluce, July 1. 1746, and Mr Saml Buys at Bellyrashean, Oct. 28. 1746. They both subscribed. They report that Mr Ja^{s} Thomson dyed Jan^{r} 25. 1746/7.

Monaghan Pby report that Mr Allex^{r} Wadsworth dyed March 31. 1747.

Tyrone Pby have entered Messrs Ja^{s} Todd & Ja^{s} White on 2^{d} tryals. They report that Mr Thos Kennedy dyed July 3. 1746.

Letterkenny Pby have ordained Mr Allex^{r} Miller at the new Erection in Ardstra Novr 4. 1746. have Licensed Mr Robt Law. They both subscribed, They also have entered Mr Thos Vance on 2^{d} tryals.

Derry Pby have entered Mr Wm Cochran on first tryals. They report that Mr Thos Harvey dyed March 13th 1746/7.

Bangor Pby have entered Messrs Patk Buchannan & Rich$_{d}$ Walker on 2^{d} Tryals. And have Ordained Mr Willm Warnock at Donaghadee, May 20. 1747. He Subscribed.

The Members of the Synod's fixed Committee are : Synod's Fixed Committee

For Armagh, Messrs Menogh & Moodie, Mr Jo^{n} Moodie, Elder.

For Drummore, Messrs Allen & King.

For T.Patk, Fraser & White.

For B.mena, Messrs Higinbothom & Brown, M^{r} Ch: Johnston, Elder

For Strabane, Messrs Ferguson & Armstrong.

For Rout, Messrs Cochran & Smylie, Mr Jackson Clark, Elder.

For Dublin, No Return.

For Monaghan, Messrs Carlile & McKye.

For Tyrone, Messrs Kennedy & Duffine.

For Letterkenny, Messrs Benj: Holmes & Kinkead:

For Derry, Messrs Ferguson & Harvey.

For Bangor, Messrs Cuningham & Malcolm, Mr Jo^{n} Brown, Elder.

For Killileagh, Messrs Will^{m}son & McCombe.

These with our Mod^{r} & Clk, are to meet at Maghrefelt, when called by the Mod^{r} on any Emergent. 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12, at least, to be Minrs.

Mrs. Hemphill

The charitable contribution for Mrs Hemphill is again recommended to those Congregations, who have yet done nothing for her: and it is ordered that it be done before the first of Augt next.

Mr. Heron

Mr Geo: Heron a Preacher from N. Brittain produced very ample Credentials of his being Licensed by the Pby of Aberdeen: as also from the Pby of Wigtown, under whose care he had been for some time. And now having promised subjection to this Synod, & the other Judicatories of this Church, he was, at his own desire, put under the care of the Pby of T.Patk.

Mrs. Henry

A melancholy complaint, contained in a letter from M^{r} Hu: Henry was read in the Synod. setting forth that tho' it had been promised to continue the Fund to Mrs Henry of Drogheda, for one year after 1745. yet there has been very little done for that year: besides a considerable arrear due before that time. The respective Pbyes by whom that money is due, are ordered to use all proper means with the several congregations in their bounds, in order to their raising s^{d} money. And that this may be the more effectually done, the Synod appoints that the Pbyes hold visitations in the deficient congregations: and make report of their diligence, to their respective Sub-Synods.

Fund

Tho some congregations have taken voluntary subscriptions for the Fund, in pursuance of the Overture of last Synod: yet the greatest part have done nothing in it. It was now agreed, in order to make the Fund more effectual, that a Select Committee be appointed to bring in some farther Overtures upon it. The members to be Messrs Ja^{s} White, Allen, Allex^{r} Brown, Lynd, McMaster, Ja^{s} & Thos Bond, Wallace, Dunlop, Malcolm, & Ja^{s} Armstrong; who are to meet in the

Intervalls of the Synod. Adjourned to 3 afternoon. Concluded w^t prayer.

Hora 3^tia post Meridiem &c. Sess. 3^tia

Appeared from the 3^d Congregation in Belfast, Messrs Allex^r Young, Jo^n Brown, &c., Commrs prosecuting an appeal from a Sentence of the Sub-Synod of Derry, in reference to the Transportation of Mr Wm Laird from Rye, to that Congregation. They presented a Supplication, earnestly desiring that s^d Transportation may take place. Then the Minute of the Synod of Derry relating to that affair, was read. The Reasons of Appeal were also read: & ye Synod of Derry were heard, in answer to these Reasons. Then the Reasons for the Transportation, were read; as also the Answers of the Congregation of Rye, to these Reasons. The Commrs from Bellfast were heard, who promise to give Mr Laird £70 ℔ an. during Mr Mastertons life, if the desired transportation take place; and in case he shall survive Mr Masterton; they will give him either £80 ℔ an. and such an assistant as shall be agreeable to him: or if he shall undertake the whole charge himself, they will give him £100 ℔ annum. Belfast

Mr Jo^n Brown from Rye was heard, who earnestly desired that Mr Laird may be continued with them. Mr Laird was also heard. Parties being removed, & the Synod having reasoned on the affair for some time: the Question was put, namely, Transport, or not? But before calling the Roll, Mr Allex^r Brown was desired to pray for light & direction. After prayer, the Roll being called, it was carryed in the affirmative. Parties were called in, & ye Resolution of the Synod intimated to them,

Next Synod to be at Maghrefelt the 3^d Tuesday of June, 1748. Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon. Next Synod

Absent from this Synod, & excused, are Messrs Ja^s Johnston, Jo^n Menogh, Robt Gordon, Wm Livingstone, Ja^s Fraser, Thos Crawford, Jo^n McConnel, Ja^s Maxwell, Neh. Donaldson, Jo^s Osborne, W^m McBeath, Bap^t Boyd, Allex^r Fleming, Jo^n Macleve, Ja^s Orr, Hu. Sharp, Robt Wirling, Jo^n McGaughie, And^r Hamilton, Jo^n Stirling, Maj^r Murray, Nin. Cochran, Ja^s Stewart, Fr. Montgomrie, Neth. Orr, Ja^s Reid, & Wm Smith. Absents excused

Absent & no excuse from them, are Messrs Geo. Cherrie, Ja^s Moodie, Geo. Ferguson, Geo. Henry, Henry Jackson, Jo^n Mulligan, Jo^n Lewson, Clot. Brown, Victr. Ferguson, Ja^s Smith, And^r Welsh, Wm Armstrong, Wm Patton, Patk. Plunket, And^r Dean, Jo^n Algeo, Ja^s Hamilton, Wm Ambrose, Allex^r McKye, Geo. Carson, Jas. Clark, Dav. Hutchison, Hu Mulligan, Benj. Holmes, Jo^s Kinkead, Thos Strawbridge, And^r Ferguson, Dav. Harvey, Jo^n Montgomrie, Dav. Walker, Jo^n Hood, Wm Hare, Robt Cuningham, Jo^n Moorhead, Hu. Dickson, And^r Kennedy, Ja^s McKean, Hu. Will^mson, Saml. Forgie, Thos Scott, Gilb^t Kennedy, Mich^l Henry, & Wm Dunn. Not excused

Dunluce

From Dunluce appear Messrs Jo^{n} Huey & Ed. Kelly prosecuting an Appeal from a sentence of the Pby of Rout; and complaining that s^{d} Pby had disannexed five towns from their Congregation, & thereby had greatly weakened it. It was agreed, with the consent of the Parties, that the following B^{n}, namely, Messrs Wm Boyd, Ja^{s} White, And^{r} Malcolm, Ja^{s} Cochran, & Jo^{n} Strong shall meet immediately after this Sed^{t} & issue that affair.

Bangor

A Supplication from Bangor was presented to this Synod by Mr Jo^{n} Taggart, desiring to be supplyed for the months of July, Aug^{t} & Septr by Messrs Thos Plunket, Thos Brown, & Ja^{s} Cochran, and that such other Supplyers as they shall afterwards call for, may be sent them, upon their writing to the respective Pbyes. The Supplication was granted.

Vinicash

From Vinicash appear Messrs Thos Hodgen & Hu. Hamilton, representing the weak state of that Congregation, & supplicating that this Synod, would now confirm the grant of the Fund, appointed them in 1742, viz., that the Congregations w^{c} paid Vinicash in their late minrs time, be allowed to continue their payments as formerlie, namely, Drumara, Rathfryland, Donoghlonie, Tonoghmore, Clare, Loghbrickland, Markethill, & Port-norris. Which was granted.

Ballinderry

A Supplication from Balinderry was presented to this Synod by Mr Hen. Beaty, setting forth the weak state of that Congregation, & praying relief. It was agreed that the former Localities be continued to that Congregation. Adjourned to 9 to-morrow morning. Interloq^{r} at 8.

Concluded with prayer.

Sess 4ta

Die Veneris Hora nona Mane, &c.

Bellyneure

A Supplication was presented to this Synod, from part of the Congregation of Bellynure, by Dav. Arch^{d}, &c., representing that as Mr Clot Brown had been transported from Balinderry, to that Congregation; they think that he is, & may be continued their minr, without being formally Installed.

A Supplication was also given in, from another part of that Congregation, by Ja^{s} Scott, &c., representing it as the desire of a great number there, that Mr Brown be Installed, and his relation to them as their Miñ^{r}, be regularly fixed. Parties were fully heard, and being removed; the Synod after reasoning, put the Question, viz. Shall this Synod order the Pby of T. Patk. to Install Mr Brown at Bellyneure, as soon as conveniently they can, before next Synod, or not? The Roll was called, and it was carryed unanimously in the affirmative.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Interloq^{r} at 4.

Concluded w^{t} prayer.

Hora 5ta post meridiem &c. Sess. 5

The Committee appointed in the affair of Dunluce, now acquaint the Synod, that they have confirmed the resolution of the Pby of Rout; and enjoined that Pby to take care that justice be done between the Parties, in proportion to the numbers on both sides. Dunluce

Messrs Andr Hairshaw & Jon Potts from Loghbrickland, supplicate that Mr Hu. Young, a candidate in the Pby of Strabane, may be appointed to Supply them for six weeks immediately after the 15 of July next; & that if they shall need farther supplyes, ye severall Pbyes may be ordered to send them such as the Pby of Drummore shall, from time to time, write for, till next Synod. The Supplication was granted. Loghbrickland

The Synod also appoints, at the desire of Mr Masterton, that sd Mr Young supply the 3d Congregation in Belfast, the last Sab. of June, & the two first Sab's of July next.

Supplications from the several Sessions & Congregations of Magheraly, Drummore, Drumara, & Bollyronie were read in the Synod, complaining of sundrie Errors & Corruptions creeping in upon this Church, & praying that they may be redressed, & for the future prevented. The Commrs from these Sessions &c specifyed & laid before the Synod, several of these errors & Corruptions which they looked upon to be greivous & troublesome to them and their Constituents, They being removed, the Synod considered the affair & after reasoning it was agreed that the following Bn. namely, Messrs Jas Cobham, Saml Dunlop, Robt Higinbothom, Wm Boyd, Jas White, Jon Carlile, Robt McBride, Robt McMaster, & Jon Maxwell, shall prepare, & bring in a Remonstrance against these errors & Corruptions, to the Synod, to-morrow morning. Complaint of errors, &c.

The Commrs from Belfast now supplicate, that in regard to Mr Mastertons infirmities, & for the greater encouragement to Mr Lairds subjecting himself to this Synod, in their Resolution of Yesterday, wt wc they expect his complyance; that this Synod may renew their former order, namely, that the several Pbyes may be enjoined to send them such Supplyers, as they shall from time to time, write for, till next Synod. Which was granted. Adjourned to 8 to-morrow morning. Concluded wt prayer. Belfast.

Die Veneris. Hora 8va Mane &c. Sess. 6ta.

The Bn appointed last night, now brought in a Paper, called a Serious Warning, &c., wc was read. After reasoning upon it, & some amendments, the Question was put, viz., approve sd Paper, or not? The Roll was called, and it was carryed in the affirmative by the whole Synod, excepting one voice. It was also agreed that a fair Copy of sd

Paper be sent to Bellfast, in order to its being printed; and that it be read from the Pulpit, on a Lord's day, in the several Congregations belonging to this Synod. The Paper is as followeth, namely:

A SERIOUS WARNING TO THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNION, WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE SYNOD.

Serious Warning &c.

Whereas this Synod has been well informed that several dangerous Errors that sap the very foundation of Christianity, are creeping into our bounds; such as mens denying the Doctrine of Original Sin; the proper and real satisfaction of Christ; and the necessity of his imputed righteousness, in order to our justification: as also the necessity of sincere obedience to the moral law, to qualify us for Communion with God here, & eternal life hereafter; and that the Doctrine of the ever blessed Trinity of Persons, in the Unity of Essence; & their being of one substance, power, & eternity: & the Gospel ordinances instituted by Christ, the great Head and Lawgiver of his Church, are questioned, or denyed by some: nay even the Sacred Scriptures themselves, disbelieved, & openly impugned. This Synod thought it their duty both to lament this Mournfull Case, and to express, hereby, their utmost detestation, & abhorrence of, and to bear testimony against these, and all other Errors whatsoever; and do take this opportunity, to warn & obtest all that are in their Communion, watchfully to guard against them, & to continue stedfast in the faith, that has been handed down to us, from our fore-fathers, contained in the Sacred Scriptures of the Old & New Testament, & summarily abridged in our Westminster Confession of faith, larger and shorter Catechisms.

And for this end we would advise unlearned men not to read erronious books, but rather that they apply themselves to the reading of the Sacred Scriptures, & such practical sound writings as by Divine blessing, may be of use to fill their hearts with Grace, & not their heads with vain disputes, or dangerous errors. And we strictly enjoin all of our Communion, to beware of putting erronious books into the hands of unlearned men; which we look upon to be as dangerous, as putting swords into the hands of children, who know not how to use them.

And whereas some teachers, known by the name of Seceders, have, in a most disorderlie way, intruded themselves into our bounds; & in many places have vehemently railed against this Synod, as if we kept in our Communion, such as are tainted with the most dangerous errors. We hereby declare, that no such thing has ever yet appeared to us, in a judicial way: and sure it would be most contrary to the Rules of Reason, & Presbyterial Government, to cast out of our Communion, any member, without tryal, or evidence of any sort: and therefore we challenge, & at the same time, cheerfully invite all such as pretend to know any such Person, or persons, to appear, & libell them, according to the right & known Rules of Presbyterial Church

Discipline & Government: and we faithfully promise, if any be convicted, that they shall be duely censured, according to the demerit of their crime. And farther we recommend it to all the inferior Judicatories of this Church, to do their utmost, in a true Presbyterial way, to purge this Church of all unsound members, if any such be among us, & to endeavour with all true zeal & diligence, to preserve, as much as lyes in their power, the purity of Doctrine, Discipline & Worship, established in this Church, within their respective bounds.

The Synod considering also the growth of Error & Profanness & the confusions thereby occasioned in this Church, agree that a Fast be be observed by our several Congregations, the 3d Wednesday of July next. Fast.

A letter from the Session & Congregation of Caple Street, was read wherein they desire that the several Pbyes may be ordered to send them such supplyers, as they shall, from time to time, write for till next Synod. Particularly that Mr Wm Warnock may supply them for six weeks, beginning the 2d Sab: of July next. Which was granted. Caple-Street.

It was moved that this Synod would consider how far Communion with the Non-Subscribers shall be allowed by us. After reasoning, it was again moved, that as this was a matter of great importance: and the greatest part both of the Ministers & Elders are now gone off, the consideration of it be delayed to next Synod: and that the Pbyes consider of it till that time. And that in the mean time, the Synod recommend it to it's several members that they be very cautious in this matter, lest they give ofience, till next Synod. Com wt the Non-Subs.

The Commrs from Bellfast desire that Synod would advise Mr Laird to comply with their Resolution for his Transportation. And if he shall continue unwilling: & in case of a Call to any other, if need be, such Call be finally determined by the Synods fixed Committee. Which was granted: and the Synod gave their advice to Mr Laird accordingly. It was farther agreed that Mr Laird give his finall answer, in this affair, to the Pby of Letterkenny, at their next stated meeting. Bellfast.

A Supplication from Bellyronie was read in the Synod, complaining, that the Pby of Drummore had not so heartily concurred in their prosecuting a Call to Mr Jas Gordon, as they expected &c as represented in their Supplication: as also desiring supplyes. The Synod refers the issuing of this affair to the Pby of Drummore, wt Correspondents, to meet at Drummore the 2d Tuesday of July next. The Correspondents to be, from Bangor Pby, Messrs Cuningham, Malcolm, & McKean. From Killeleagh, Messrs Willmson, Forgie & Strong. From Armagh, Messrs Johnston, Cherrie & Moodie with their Elders. Bellyronie.

The Modr concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloqr. 1.

Mrs Sinclair & Mrs Crawford, two of the widows that were on Mr McMasters Charity, being now dead; he has thought proper to place Mrs Neil & Mrs Dykes in their room.

Mr Lang our Treasurer being now with us, the Interloqr appointed the following Bn. namely, Messrs Saml Dunlop, Wm Boyd & Jas White to examine his accounts, & make report to next Interloqr.

Interloqr. 2.

The Bn appointed to examine Mr Lang's accounts, now make report, that they have done so and observe that they are clear and satisfying: with which the Interloqr is well pleased.

JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

July 11.
1747.

A Synod at Maghrefelt June ye 21, 1748.

Mr Jas McCurdie Modr of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Tit. 2. 15. And then constituted it by prayer. *Post preces Sedt* of

Minrs.	Elders.
Drummore Pby.	
Jon. King	Jas. Potts
T.Patk Pby.	
Jas. Cobham	Mr. Shaw
Allexr. Brown	
Tim. White	Robt. Allen
Wm. Thomson	
Thos. Crawford	
Jon. Thomson	Jas. Lindsay
Thos. Brown	Wm. Clark
Wm. Henderson	
Jon. M'Connel	Saml. Robison
Jon. Lewson	Robt. Steele
Geo. Heron	Jas. Hill
B.mena Pby.	
Robt Higinbothom	
Jas. White, Senr.	
Jon. Hill	Thos. Simson
Wm. Holmes	Jas. Gleghorn
Jas. M'Creight	Patk. Dickie
Jas. M'Curdie	Robt. Edmistone
Jon. Brown	Allexr. Yonng
Jon. Semple	Jas. Kempton
Jas. Cochran	Ch. Thomson
Fr. O'Bryan	Jas. Aja
Jas. White, jun^{r}	Jas. Moor
Tyrone Pby.	
Hu. Wallace	Wm. Johnston
Jon. Kennedy	Jas. Stirling
Jon. Gibson	Hu. M'Willm
Ch. Caldwell	Wm. Ramsay
Jas. Turretine	
Adam Duffine	Robt. Wilson
Jon. Ker	Jon. Davison
Jas. Todd	Wm. M'Cullogh
Jon. White, jun^{r}	Thos. Holiday
Letterkenny Pby.	
Saml. Dunlop	Jas. Smith
Jon. Holmes	
Thos. Vance	Andr. Cample
Derry Pby.	
Andr. Ferguson	Jas. M'Adoo
Hen. Ereskine	Jas. Hemphill
Jon. Hood	
Wm. Hare	Robt. Cochran

Minrs.	Elders.
Strabane Pby.	
Victr. Ferguson	
Jas. Smith	Jon. Anderson
Wm. Armstrong	
Jos. Osborne	Jas. Lindsay
Rout Pby.	
Ch. Lynd	Jon. Barr
Robt. M'Bride	Hu. Henry
Jon. Cochran	Robt. Stewart
Jon. Thomson	Wm. Cathcart
Dav. Smylie	Jackson Clark
Robt. Brown	Jon. Robison
Gidn. Neilson	Jon. Pattison
Robt. Henry	Robt. Bailie
Allexr. Cumine	Jas. Henry
Jon. Logue	Jon. Allexr.
Wm. Cochran	
Dublin Pby.	
Wm. M'Beath	
Monaghan Pby.	
Patk. Plunket	Thos. Plunkett
Wm. Ambrose	Jon. Moreland
Dav. Hutchison	Jon. Porter
Jas. Gordon	Jon. Skinnier
Thos. Boyle	
Bangor Pby.	
Robt. Cuningham	
Andr. Malcolm	Jon. Claghertie
Jon. Moorhead	
Hu. Dickson	
Saml. Allexr.	Hu. Sprout
Andr. Kennedy	Dav. Paterson
Jas. Huey	
Wm. Rodgers	
Wm. Laird	Jon. Brown
Wm. Warnock	Archd M'Kye
Killeleagh Pby	
Allexr. M'Combe	
Wm. Dunn	Wm. Shaw
Armagh Pby.	
Geo. Cherrie	Wm. Hutchison
Jon. Maxwell	Jos. Boyd
Geo. Ferguson	Jas. M'Cleure
Henry Jackson	

Mod^{r}. M^{r} McCurdie proposed that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following B^{n}. were named as a leet, viz., Messrs Wm Thomson, Jo^{n} Brown, Vict^{r} Ferguson, Jo^{n} Thomson, W^{m} McBeath, Patk Plunkett, Jo^{n} Kennedy, And^{r} Ferguson, Saml Allex^{r}, Wm Dunn, & Jo^{n} Maxwell. The Roll was called & Mr Jo^{n} Brown was chosen. Clk. And Jo^{n} Cochran was continued Clk.

Ordered that the several Pbyes meet this night, & prepare Returns to be given to the Clk of the Synod, to morrow morning of their members for the respective Committees of Overtures, Books, Bills, Fund, & the Synods fixed Committee: together with an account of such ministers as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed, entered on tryals, or about to be entered on tryals, since last Synod.

Prayer. Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet at 7 of the clock to [morrow] morning, for prayer, & continue therein to 9. When open Synod shall begin. Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 2da. *Die Mercurij, Hora Nona Mane. Post preces, &c.*

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The Presbyes now made Returns for the Committees; as also the following reports. Namely:

Ordained, Licensed, Dead, &c. T. Patk Pby report that they have ordained Mr Geo. Heron at Island Magee Augt 18, 1747.

Strabane Pby have ordained M^{r} Hu. Young at Derg, June ye 8, 1748, and Licensed Mr Ja^{s} Scott. They report that Mr Neh. Donaldson dyed July ye 7, 1747.

Rout Pby have ordained M^{r} Hu. Gaston at Bellywolin, Feb^{r} ye 23, 1747/8. And Mr Willm Cochran at Dunbo, May ye 10, 1748. And are about to enter Messrs Robt Ewing & Thos Reid on first tryals.

Dublin Pby have entered Mr Eben^{r} Killburn on 2^{d} tryals.

Monaghan Pby have entered Mr Wm Flemming on 2^{d} tryals. They report that Mr Jo^{n} Carlile dyed May ye 22, 1748.

Tyrone Pby have ordained Mr Ja^{s} Todd at Vinicash July ye 22^{d}, 1747. And Mr Jo^{n} White at Bellyclog, July ye 23, 1747.

Letterkenny Pby have Ordained Mr Thos Vance at Ramelton, Augt the 18, 1747.

Derry Pby have Licensed Messrs Wm Cochran & And^{r}. Allex^{r}, have entered Messrs Jo^{n} Hall, Jos. Duglass, & W^{m} McNeilie on first tryals: and Mr Jos. Reagh on 2^{d} tryals. They report that Mr Nin. Cochran has dimitted his charge at Fane.

Bangor Pby have ordained Mr Richard Walker at Saintfield, July ye 28, 1747. Mr Patk. Buhannan at Lisburn, July ye 29, 1747. And have Installed Mr Wm Laird at Bellfast Septr ye 16, 1747. They report that Mr Ja^{s} Stewart dyed March ye 3^{d}, 1747/8.

Killeleagh Pby report that Mr Wm Smith dyed July 1747. And M^{r} Hu. Wiil^{m}son dyed March ye 3^{d} 1747/8.

Armagh Pby have Licensed Mr Wm Sloan.

The Members of the Synod's Fixed Committee are: Synod's Commit.

For Drummore Pby, Messrs King & Sims, Mr Jon Lowry, Eldr.

For T.Patk, Messrs White & Wm Thomson, Mr McConchy, Eldr.

For B.mena, Messrs Higinbothom & Brown, Mr Ch. Johnstoun, Eldr.

For Strabane, Messrs Smith & Armstrong.

For Rout, Messrs Smylie & Henry, Mr Jackson Clark, Eldr.

For Dublin, Messrs McBeath & McCollum.

For Monaghan, Messrs Ambrose & Hutchison.

For Tyrone, Messrs Wallace & Caldwell, Mr Thos Holiday, Eldr.

For Letterkenny, Messrs Jon & Benj. Holmes.

For Derry, Messrs Ferguson & Harvey.

For Bangor, Messrs Cuningham & Malcolm, Mr Jon Brown, Eldr.

For Killeleagh, Messrs McCombe & Dunn, Mr Wm Taylour, Eldr.

For Armagh, Messrs Menogh & Moodie, Mr Jon Moodie, Eldr.

These with our Modr & Clerk, are to meet at Dungannon when called by the Modr on any Emergent, 15 to be a Quorum whereof 12, at least, to be Ministers.

Mr McCombe is appointed to write to the Collectors in the several Pbyes who have been deficient in raising the charitable Contribution for the relief of Mrs Hemphill that they use diligence in that affair; & transmitt the money so raised, to him. Mrs Hemphill

It does not appear that anything has been done in respect to the arrear of the Fund due to Drogheda. The Synod orders the Committee of the Fund, to enquire into that affair. Drogheda

Next Synod to be at Maghrefelt, the 3d Tuesday of June, 1749. Sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon. Next Synod.

This Synod appoints Newry to pay their Quota of the Fund to Vinicash, and Rathfryland to Castleblaynie.

The Pby of T.Patk did not Install Mr Clot. Brown at Bellyneure as appointed last Synod. They say that he had joined the Pby of Antrim, & was Installed by that Pby, Adjourned to 3 afternoon. Concluded wt prayer.

Hora 3tia post Meridiem &c. Sess. 3tia.

From the Congregation of Bangor, appeared Jon Blackwood, Esqro Messrs Jas Crawford, &c., Commissrs prosecuting an appeal from a Sentence of the Pby of Rout, with reference to the Removal of Mr Jos Cochran from the Congregation of Killraghtes, to that of Bangor; they presented a Supplication, earnestly requesting that the desired Transportation may take place. Bangor & Killraghtes.

Appeared also from Killraghtes Messrs Ja^{s} Clark, Robt Stewart, &c., Commiss^{rs} Supplicating that the decision of the Pby of Rout may be confirmed All the papers relating to that affair were read & the Parties heard at a considerable length. The Commiss^{rs} from Bangor propose to give Security for the payment of 60 lib. & 20 boles of oats yearly for Mr Cochran's maintainance. Mr Cochran was also heard. All Parties being removed, the Synod reasoned on the affair; and after serious consideration, & and prayer for light & direction: The Question was put, namely, Transport, or not? The Roll being called it was carryed in the affirmative by a great majority. Parties were called in, & the Resolution of the Synod intimated to them. Adjourned to 10 to-morrow morning. Interloq^{r} at 9. Concluded w^{t} prayer.

Sess. 4ta. *Die Jovis. Hora decima, ante Meridiem &c.*

Absts. excused. Absent from this Synod & excused are Messrs Robt Gordon, Ja^{s} Allen, Wm Livingstone, Ja^{s} Fraser, Ja^{s} Maxwell, Robt McMaster, Ch. McCollum, Bap^{t} Boyd, Allex^{r} Flemming, Geo. Carson, Jo^{n} Macleve, Ja^{s} Orr, Hu. Sharp, Wm Boyd, Dav. Fairlie, Robt Wirling, Jo^{n} Stirling, Maj^{r} Murray, Nin. Cochran, Thos Strawbridge, Dav. Harvey, Ch. Masterton, Fr. Montgomrie, Neth. Orr, Ja^{s} Reid, Saml Forgie, Thos Scott, Ja^{s} Johnstoun, Jo^{n} Menogh, & Ja^{s} Moodie.

Not excused. Absent & no excuse from them are Messrs Saml Sims, Wm Thomson, Jo^{n} Mulligan, And^{r}. Welsh, Hu. Young, Fr. Ross, Saml Buys, Hu. Gaston, Wm Patton, Ja^{s} Bond, And^{r} Dean, Jo^{n} Algeo, Ja^{s} Hamilton, Allex^{r} McKye, Ja^{s} Clark, Hu. Mulligan, Jo^{n} McGaughy, Wm Wilson, Jo^{n} Marshal, Benj. Holmes, And^{r}. Hamilton, Jo^{s} Kinkead, Allex^{r} Miller, Thos Bond, Jo^{n} Montgomrie, Jo^{n} Lisle, Dav. Walker, Ja^{s} McKean, Richd Walker, Patk. Buhannan, Gilb^{t} Kennedy, Ja^{s} Armstrong, Mich^{l} Henry, Jo^{n} Strong, & Geo. Henry.

Killraghtes This Synod, at the desire of the Commrs from Killraghtes, grants them such Probationers to supply them, from time to time, till next Genl Synod, as the Pby of Rout shall write for. And orders the Pbyes wrote to, that they send these Supplyers, if possible.

Clonanise From Clonanise, a part of the Congregation of Aghalow, appear Ja^{s} McFarland, &c., complaining that s^{d} Congregation has not been supplyed as usual, by the Pby of Monaghan, since the 14th of Feb^{r} last. The Synod refers the decision of that affair to a Committee to consist of the following B^{n}. namely, from Armagh Pby, Messrs Cherrie, Maxwell, & Ferguson. From Tyrone, Messrs Kennedy, Gibson, & Ker. From Strabane, Messrs Welsh & Young. And that the Pby of Monaghan appoint some of their number to give light in that affair. They are to meet at Calledon the last Tuesday of July next.

Dunluce. Upon a Complaint made by the Congregation of Dunluce in reference to an Arrear alledged to be due by the five towns disannexed from them last Synod. This Synod appoints Messrs Higinbothom & McCurdie, to meet with the Parties at Bellymony, the 3^{d} Tuesday of July next, & finally issue it.

The Appointment of last Synod in reference to the continuing the Localities of the Fund, to Balinderry, is confirmed by this Synod; and it is recommended to the Congregations who should pay to Balinderry, that they take care to do justice in that affair. Balinderry.

An appeal from some Resolutions of the Pby of B.mena with Correspondents, was presented to this Synod by Ja^s Dickie, &c., in reference to some families formerlie of the Congregation of Drumaul, but now have deserted s^d Congregation, & joined Grainge and supplicating to be continued members of Grainge. Drumaul & Grainge.

From Drumaul appear Captn. Dobbin, Jo^s Moor, &c., supplicating that these families may not be dismembred from them. All the papers relating to this affair were read, & Parties heard. And being removed, after reasoning, the Question was put, namely, whither these People who belong to the Congregation of Drumaul, but have for some years joined the Congregation of Grainge, had just grouud for Appeal from the Resolutions of the Pby of B.mena or not? Upon calling the Roll it was carryed in the negative, by a great majority.

Upon a Complaint that the Arrear of the Fund, due to the late Mr Ashe of Sligo, is not yet paid, as ordered in the years 1742 & 1745. This Synod earnestly recommends it to the Congregations that are deficient, viz., Londonderry, which yet owes £3 10 0. Glendermott, £4 10 0. Newtownlemmavaddie, £9 0 0. Saint Johnstoun, £4 0 0. Donoghedie, £3 0 0. And Burt, £3 0 0. And to the Pbyes of Derry, Letterkenny, & Strabane, to see that speedy Justice be done in that affair. Adjourned to 6 afternoon. Interloq^r at 5. Concluded with prayer. Mr Ashe

Hora Sexta post meridiem &c. Sess. 5ta

An Appeal from a Resolution of the Pby of T.Patk was presented to this Synod by M^r Jo^n McDowal, with reference to the admitting some members to the Congregation of Carrickfergus, without Certificates. The Synod appointed Messrs Ja^s White, Senr, Robt McBride, & Ja^s McCurdie, to go out, & confer with M^r McDowal. Which B^n being returned, give it as their opinion, that tho they find nothing blameable in the Conduct of either the Pby of T.Patk or of Mr Fraser, yet that a Resolution be entered into the Records of this Synod, that no person be admitted to Christian Communion without proper Certificates from their respective Miñrs; and the same to be communicated to the Several Sessions in our bounds. By w^e we hope, that Gentlemans greivances will be removed, peace restored to the Congregation of Carrickfergus & future occasion of offence prevented. This was agreed to by the Synod. M^r McDowal

A Letter from M^r Ch. McCullom was read in the Synod, desiring that Supplyers may be ordered for the Congregation of Caple-Street as formerlie. And particularly that Mr Jo^n White be appointed to supply there, for six Sabbaths, beginning the 4th Sab: of July next, which was granted. Caple-Street

Castleblaynie

From Castleblaynie appeared Jo^{n} Skinnier, &c., prosecuting an Appeal from a Sentence of the Pby of Monaghan transporting Mr Ja^{s} Gordon from that Congregation, to Bellyronie. The Synod considering that Bellyronie had dropt that affair, recommends it to the Pby of Monaghan, that they use proper measures for peserving Mr Gordon's usefullness at Castleblaynie, especially since that people continue their regard to him.

Loghbrickland

Mr Wm Henry Comm^{r} from Loghbrickland, presented a Supplication to this Synod, desiring that the several Pbyes may be ordered to send them, from time to time, till next Genl Synod, such Supplyes, as the Pby of Drummore shall write for. And particularly that M^{r} McCordie be appointed to supply them for the month of Augt next. The Supplication was granted.

Mrs Dick

A Complaint was laid before this Synod, by Mrs Dick, wherein she observes that a considerable Arrear of the Fund is still due to her, by the Congregations of Drumbannaghar, Tonoghmore, Moyra, Rathfryland, Markethill, Port-norris, & Magheraly. The Synod recommends the payment of s^{d} arrear with all possible speed, & that the Pbyes to whom these Congregations belong, use dilligence for that purpose.

The Minute of last Syuod with reference to the keeping Communion with the Non-Sub^{rs}, was now considered, & reasoned on for some time: it was observed that some Pbyes had not considered that affair sufficiently, and some, not at all: upon w^{c} it was moved that the question be put, viz., Consider, or not? Another state of the question was proposed, namely, consider now, or refer? Upon a debate the previous question was put, viz., whither the first, or second of these shall be the state of the vote? The Roll wau called, & it was carryed for the first. Then the question was put, namely, Consider or not? The Roll being called it was carryed in the negative by a great majority.

The Mod^{r}. concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq^{r}. 1.

This Interloq^{r} agrees to allow a double portion of the Ord^{ry} R.D, to Banbreaky, upon their being planted.

Mr Montgomrie

Complaint being made to this Interloq^{r} that Mr Jo^{n} Montgomrie neither attends any of the Judicatories of this Church, nor even publick worship on the Lord's day: it is enjoined the Pby of Derry to enquire into this affair, & to proceed to censure him, if guilty, according to his offence: and make report to next Synod.

Mr Weld

A Letter from Mr Weld was read in this Interloq^{r} giving an account of his transactions for us in England. Messrs Higinbothom, & Ja^{s} White, Senr are ordered to write an answer to it.

Interloqr. 2.

This Interloqr agrees that the children of Mr Glasgow, deceased, shall have a portion of the Ordry. R.D. for one year, at least.

It is agreed that only such Widows as are recommended by the respective Pbyes, shall be returned to our Treasurer for a portion of the Ordry R.D. and that after the settlement of the Congregations, where their Husbands laboured, they shall be entitled to £4 0 0 ℘ annum, during their Widowhood, provided the Pby where they reside, recommend them. And that the Widow of the late Mr Robt Drummond in the Pby of Letterkenny, Mrs Hemphill in the Pby of Monaghan, Mrs Stirling, Mrs Neil, & Mrs Dykes in the Pby of Rout, and Mrs Dick in the Pby of Tyrone be returned by the Synod's Clk. for one pound ℘ Qr each. Minrs Widows

Interloqr. 3.

The advice of this Interloqr was asked by the Pby of T.Patk in reference to the reponing of Mr Lees to the exercise of the Miñry, as they apprehend he may be usefull, having given good evidence of his repentance. The Interloqr refers it to that Pby, to doe in that affair, as they shall see fitt. Mr Lees

This Interloqr considered the melancholy circumstances of the Congregation of Rye, and agrees that some supplyes be sent them by us. And that each supplyer shall have half a guinea ℘ day, at next Genl Synod, over and above what the People shall give And we now appoint Mr Jas Cochran, for Sab. come sennight. Mr Andr. Hamilton, the Sab. following. Mr Tim. White, the 3d & 4d Sabs. of July. Mr Wm Thomson, the last of July & first of Augt. Mr Hill the 2d & 3d of Augt. Mr Jas Gordon, the last of Augt & first of Septr. Mr Jas Jackson, the 2d & 3d of Septr. Mr Robt Huey the last Sab. of Septr & first of Octr. The Pby of Letterkenny if they see cause, may invite others to supply there. Rye

JON. COCHRAN, Clk., S.G.

Augt ye 16,
1748.

A Synod at Maghrefelt, June ye 20, 1749.

M[r] Jo[n] Brown Mod[r]. of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from 1 Jon. 2, 6. And then constituted it by prayer. After prayer Sed[t] of

Minrs.	Elders.
T. Patk Pby.	
Jas. Cobham	
Allexr. Brown	Jas. M'Clung
Wm. Thomson	
Thos. Crawford	
Jon. Thomson	Jon. Robison
Thos. Brown	
Wm. Henderson	
B. mena Pby.	
Robt. Higinbothom	
Jas. White, Senr.	Jon. Mater
Jon. Hill	Jas. Patton
Wm. Holmes	
Jas. M'Creight	Matt. Harper.
Jas. M'Curdie	Dav. Love
Jon. Brown	Wm. Adams
Jas. Cochran	Jon. Kennedy
Fr. O'Bryan	Hu. M'Master
Jas. White, Junr.	Jon. Kinkead
Strabane Pby.	
Victr. Ferguson	Jas. Porter
Andr. Welsh	
Jos. Osborne	
Hu. Young	
Tyrone Pby.	
Hu. Wallace	Jon. Givean
Jon. Kennedy	Jas. Stirling
Jon. Gibson	Hu. M'Willm.
Ch. Caldwell	Robt. Reid
Jas. Turretine	
Adam Duffine	Jon. Ramsay
Jon. Ker	Jon. Wilson
Jas. Todd	Wm. M'Cullogh
Jon. White	Robt. Wylie
Letterkenny Pby.	
Saml. Delap	
Dav. Fairlie	Robt. Gray
Jon. Holmes	Wm. Smith
Wm. Wilson	
Jos. Kinkead	
Allexr. Miller	

Minrs.	Elders.
Rout Pby.	
Robt. M'Bride	Jon. Hopkin
Fr. Ross	Archd. Fisher
Jon. Thomson	Robt. Weir
Dav. Smylie	Jackson Clark
Robt. Brown	Allexr. Murphy
Robt. Henry	Thos. Maghland
Jon. Logue	
Saml. Buys	
Dublin Pby.	
Robt. M'Master	
Ebenezer Killburn	
Monaghan Pby.	
Patk. Plunkett	Jas. Baxter
Wm. Ambrose	Jon. Caldwell
Allexr. M'Kye	Aron Rutherford
Jas. Clark	Jon. Fee
Dav. Hutchison	Jon. Porter
Jas. Gordon	Jon. Kinniere
Thos. Boyle	Ch. Harper
Wm. Flemming	Thos. M'Dowal
Thos. Plunkett	
Killeleagh Pby.	
Allexr. M'Combe	
Jas. Armstrong	
Jon. Strong	
Wm. Dunn	Jos. Mitchel
Armagh Pby.	
Jon. Menogh	Jon. Elliot
Geo. Cherrie	
Jas. Moodie	Mr. Sloan
Geo. Ferguson	
Geo. Henry	
Hen. Jackson	

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Pby.		**Drummore Pby.**	
Dav. Walker	Jon. Fulton	Robt. Gordon	Caleb Nisbit
Hen. Ereskine	Thos. Duglass	Tim. White	
Wm. Hare		Jas. Allen	Robt. Allen
Jos. Reagh	Jon. Reid	Jon. King	Jon. Lawry
Robt. Huey		Jon. Semple	Hu. Cairnes
		Saml. Sims	Ch. Orr
Bangor Pby.		Saml. Thomson	Wm. Dods
Jon. Cochran	Jas. Porter		
Jon. Moorhead			
Saml. Allexr.	Jas. Ferguson		
Wm. Rodgers			
Wm. Laird.	Jon. Brown		
Jas. M'Kean			

Mr Jon Brown moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following Bn. were named for a Leet, viz., Messrs Willm. Thomson, Jon Hill, Victr Ferguson, Jon Thomson, Ebenr Killburn, Patk. Plunkett, Jon Kennedy, Dav. Fairlie, Dav. Walker, Saml Allexr, Allexr McCombe, Jon Menogh, & Robt Gordon. The Roll was called, & Mr Jon Kennedy was chosen. Modr.

And Jon Cochran was continued Clk. Clk.

Ordered that the several Pbyes meet this night & prepare Returns to be given to the Clk of the Synod next Sedt, of their members for the respective Committees, of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, and the Genl Synod's fixed Committee; together with an account of such Miñrs as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed, entered on tryals, or about to be entered on tryals since last Synod.

Ordered that all the Members of this Synod meet at 7 to-morrow morning, for prayer, & continue therein till 9. When open Synod shall begin. Concluded wt prayer.

Die Mercurij, hora nona, Mane. Post preces Sedt qui supra. Sess. 2da

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The Presbyes now gave Returns for the Committees; as also the following accounts, namely,

T.Patk Pby have entered Mr Benj. Cuningham Neilson, on first Tryals. They report that Mr Jas Fraser dyed in Augt 1748. And that Mr Tim. White was transported from Bellyeaston to Loghbrickland. Dead

B.mena Pby report that Mr Jon Semple was transported from Ahoghill to Anahilt.

Rout Pby have entered Messrs Robt Ewing & Thos Reid on first tryals. And Messrs Wm Calender & Jon Smith on 2d tryals. They report that Mr Allexr Cumine dyed Novr 9, 1748.

Ordained &c.

Dublin Pby have Ordained Mr Ebenezer Killburn. But when not said.

Monaghan Pby have ordained Mr Wm Flemming at Banbreaky Augt 3, 1748. And Mr Thos Plunkett at Inniskilling Decr 14, 1748. And have entered Mr Wm Moorhead on first tryals.

Tyrone Pby report that Mr Jon Macleve dyed June 17, 1749.

Letterkenny Pby have Licensed Mr Hu. Delap. And have entered Mr Andr Allexr on 2d tryals.

Derry Pby have Licensed Messrs Jas McNeilly & Jon Hill. Have Ordained Mr Thos Reagh at Fane in Augt 1748. And Mr Robt Huey at Muff, Febr 10, 1748/9. The report that Mr Jon Montgomrie dyed March 14, 1748/9.

Bangor Pby have Installed Mr Jon Cochran at Bangor, Decr 6, 1748.

Drummore Pby have Ordained Mr Saml Thomson at Bellyronie, March 14, 1748/9. And have Installed Mr Jon Semple at Anahilt, June 7, 1749.

Synod's fixed Com.

The Members for the Genl Synods fixed Committee are as follows :—

For T.Patk Pby, Messrs Thos Brown & McConnel, Mr Jon McNeilly, Eldr.

For B.mena, Messrs Higinbothom & Brown, Mr Ch. Johnston, Eldr.

For Strabane, Messrs Armstrong & Young. Mr Jas Porter, Eldr.

For Rout, Messrs McBride & Smylie, Mr Jackson Clark, Eldr.

For Dublin, Messrs McBeath & McCollum.

For Monaghan, Messrs Ambrose & Hutchison.

For Tyrone, Messrs Wallace & Caldwell.

For Letterkenny, Messrs Jon & Benj. Holmes.

For Derry, Messrs Ferguson & Harvey.

For Bangor, Messrs Cuningham & Malcolm, Mr Jon Brown, Eldr.

For Killeleagh, Messrs McCombe & Strong, Mr Wm Taylour, Eldr.

For Armagh, Messrs Menogh & Cherrie.

For Drummore, Messrs King & Sims, Mr Jon Laurie, Eldr.

These with our Modr & Clk are to meet at Dungannon when called by our Modr on any Emergent, 15 to be a Quorum. Whereof 12 at least to be Miñrs.

Mrs Hemphill

The affair of the Charity to Mrs Hemphill was considered, & the appointment of last Synod renewed: & the following Bn appointed to be Collectors for their respective Pbyes, namely, Mr Jon Thomson for T.Patk, Mr Brown for B.mena, Mr Ferguson, for Strabane, Mr Buys for Rout, Mr McMaster for Dublin, Mr Ambrose for Monaghan, Mr

Gibson for Tyrone, Mr Fairlie for Letterkenny, Mr Hare for Derry, Mr Laird for Bangor, Mr Cherrie for Armagh, Mr Strong for Killeleagh, and Mr King for Drummore. These Collectors are charged by the Synod to take all due care to have the deficiencies raised within three months of this Synod, and such as do not contribute, to be returned to next Synod. Which the Collectors promise to do.

Next Synod to be at Dungannon the 3d Tuesday of June, 1750. Sermon to begin at 5 of the clock afternoon. Next Synod

Jas Patterson from Killraghtes, supplicated this Synod to renew the appointment of last year, in favour of that Congregation. Wc was granted. Killraghtes

Mr Ch. McCollum, by letter. supplicated this Synod to renew their their former Order, with respect to the supplying of Caple-Street. And Mr McMaster desires that Mr Hu. Young in particular, may be appointed to supply that Congregation for six Sab's, at his convenience. Both which were granted. Caple-Street

Absent from this Synod and excused are, Messrs Wm Livingstone, Jon McConnel, Robt Lees, Jas Maxwell, Ch. Lynd, Hu. Gaston, Wm Patton, Wm McBeath, Ch. McCollum, Bapt Boyd, Allexr Flemming, Andr Dean, Jon Algeo, Jas Hamilton, Geo. Carson, Jas Orr, Hu. Sharp, Wm Boyd, Robt Wirling, Jon Stirling, Majr Murray, Nin. Cochran, Thos Strawbridge, Ch. Masterton, Fr. Montgomrie, Neth. Orr, Jas Reid, Saml Forgie, Thos Scott, & Jas Johnston. Absts excused

Absent & no excuse from them, are Messrs Jon Lewson, Geo. Heron, Wm Armstrong, Gidn Neilson, Wm Cochran. Jas Bond, Hu. Mulligan, Jon McGaughie. Jon Marshal, Benj. Holmes, Andr Hamilton, Thos Vance, Andr Ferguson, Dav. Harvey, Thos Bond, Jon Hood, Robt Cuningham, Andr Malcolm, Hu. Dickson, Andr Kennedy, Jas Huey, Wm Warnock, Richd Walker, Patk. Buchannan, Gilbt Kennedy, Jon Maxwell, Wm Thomson, & Jon Mulligan. Adjourned to 4 afternoon. Concluded wt prayer. Not excused

Hora 4ta post meridiem, &c. Sess. 3tia

A supplication from Narrow-water was presented to this Synod, by Mr Cherrie, desiring that they may have a proportion of the Fund. The supplication was granted: and refered to the Committee of the Fund for Localities for £6 0 0 ℔ annum.

A Supplication from some People in the new Erection in Ardstra, was presented to this Synod by Mr Jas McEwing, desiring that the Suspension under which Mr Allexr. Miller had been laid by the Pby of Letterkenny, and which had been confirmed by the Sub-Synod of Derry, may be taken off by this Synod, & he restored to the exercise of his Miñry among them. Upon wc the Minutes of the Pby of Letterkenny, relating to that affair, were read. Whereby it appeared that sd Pby had suspended him for a pretended clandestine Marriage & other immoralities, as sett forth in sd minutes. Mr Miller was heard, Mr Miller

at a considerable length, in making Remarks on s^{d} minutes. The minute of the Sub-Synod of Derry, approving the Conduct, & confirming the sentence of s^{d} Pby, was also read. All Parties were heard, & being removed, the Synod reasoned on the affair, & observed that Mr Miller has been guilty of complicated & aggravated prevarication, and other gross immoralities. Upon the whole, the Question was putt, namely, Whither besides approving the conduct & sentence of the Pby of Letterkenny, & of the Sub-Synod of Derry, this Synod shall proceed to depose him, Mr Miller, from the Ministry, or not? The Roll was called, and it was carryed unanimously in the affirmative. Parties were called in, the Minute read, and the Mod^{r} in the name of the Synod, pronounced the Sentence of Deposition.

Deposed

Ballee

From Ballee appeared Saml Heron &c supplicating that this Synod would appoint them the following Supplyes, namely, Mr Jo^{n} Smith a Candidate in the Pby of Rout, for the month of July next, Mr Robt Smith in the Pby of Monaghan for Aug^{t}., Mr Thos Brown for Sept^{r}., and Mr Geo. Henry for Octr. The Supplication was granted.

Adjourned to 9. to morrow morning. Concluded w^{t} prayer.

Sess. 4ta

Die Jovis. Hora nona. Mane &c.

A Supplication from Movill was presented to this Synod, setting forth the melancholly circumstances of that People, & praying for a share of the Fund. They are recommended to the Committee of the Fund.

Tobermore

A Supplication from Tobermore was laid before this Synod, by Ja^{s} Allex^{r} &c: representing the difficulties they have laboured under since Mr Turretine dimitted his charge of them: & desiring that the Pby of Tyrone may be ordered to resettle him there, or that they be allowed to join some other Pby. The Synod heard the Commiss^{rs} & the Pby; and after reasoning agreed, that the affair be refer'd to the Pby of Tyrone, with the following Correspondents, namely, Messrs Hill & McCreight from B.mena Pby. Messrs Smylie & Henry from Rout. And Messrs Lile and Ereskine from Derry. Who are to meet at Tobermore the 3^{d} Tuesday of Augt next, & issue that affair.

Mr Ja^{s} Hull

Mr Ja^{s} Hull produced Credentials of his being Licensed to preach the Gospel, & of his moral character from the Division or Pby of Bolton in S. Brittain, w^{c} were sustained by the Synod: and he having now subscribed, the West: Confess: of Faith was at his own desire, put under the care of the Pby of Derry.

Cookstown

A Supplication from Cookstown was presented to this Synod by Mr Ja^{s} Brisbane &c desiring that Mr Jos: Kinkead may be appointed to supply them for one month, commencing the 2^{d} Sab: of July next. and Mr James Jackson for the month of Augt. Which was granted.

This Synod appoints Mr Calender to supply the new Erection in Ardstra next Sab: & Mr Wilson the Sab: following: as also that Messrs Tim: White & Geo Cherrie write to that Congregation in the name of the Synod.

A Reference from the Sub Synod of Derry was laid before this Synod concerning the disannexing Mr Hen: Ereskine from the Pby of Derry. That Presby complains that he, in many instances has been uneasie & troublesome to them. They & he were heard: the Synod considered the affair, & observed that the Congregation of Newtown Lemmavaddie, where he is Miñr, do not appear satisfyed to be taken from under the care of that Pby, agrees that he shall continue a member of it for one year, at least. The Synod recommends peace and brotherlie love among them. Mr Hen. Ereskine

Danl. Galey presented to this Synod, an appeal from a sentence of the Pby of Strabane: of whom he complains, that they had inflicted a censure on him, which he, the Appellt, could not comply with. The Pby & he were heard: & the minute of that Pby, with reference to that affair, was read. And whereas that wc brought the affair of Dan. Galey before that Pby was a Complaint which he had exhibited against a Candidate under the care of sd Pby, viz., that sd Candidate should have asserted from the Pulpit, that morality was the foundation of Religion: wc he the Candidate denyed; and Galey did not prove. The Candidate confesseth, that in an inference of a sermon he had asserted, that if we could imitate God only in His moral perfections, His Holiness, Goodness, Justice & truth, & that by imitating him in these things, we obtained a communion and fellowship with him, & procured His love & approbation, then it followed that morality is the chief end and design of Religion &c., some of which expressions having given offence to some members of the Synod: it was moved that the Candidate should be asked, whither in his asserting that the imitation of God in His moral Perfections procured His love & approbation, he meant to exclude the mediation of Jesus Christ, or to take it in to the account? To wc he answered, that he did not exclude, but took the mediation of Christ in to the account. Mr Thos Thomson the above Candidate gave, in writing, an explanation of the expressions wc had been excepted against, as follows, namely, In order to remove the offence that might have been taken from these words I had used, viz, If we can imitate God only in His moral Perfections, His holiness, truth, &c and if by imitating him in these things we obtained communion and fellowship with him, & procured His love & approbation, it therefore followed that morality was the chief end & design of Religion &c. I say to remove the offence that from hence might be taken, as if I did not believe the Christian Doctrines of the merits & satisfaction of Christ: I do with all sincerity declare, that the way to salvation revealed in the Gospel, & by which Christians ought to be saved, is only by the merits and satisfaction of our Redeemer, His name being the only name given under heaven, whereby men may be saved. Which explanation satisfyed the Synod. Adjourned to 7 afternoon. Interloqr at 6. Concluded with prayer. Danl Galey

Hora Septima post Meridiem, &c. Sess. 5ta

It was now moved by the Pby of Strabane, that the Synod would consider their conduct in the affair of Danl. Galey's appeal. After

reasoning, the question was put, namely, Drop the consideration, of it, or not? The Roll was called, & it was carryed in the affirmative, by a great majority. However the Synod agreed that Dan[l] Galey shall be admonished for his rashness in reproaching M[r] Thomson, & cautioned against the like conduct, for the future; w[c] was accordingly done by the Mod[r].

Pby of Monaghan

The Synod at the desire of some members of the Pby of Monaghan, allows that they divide themselves into two Pbyes, as they shall agree, with the assistance of Correspondents, to meet with that Pby, at Castleblaynie the 2[d] Tuesday of Aug[t] next, namely from Tyrone, Mess[rs] Gibson and Ker. From Killelagh, Mess[rs] M[c]Combe & Henry. From Drummore, Mess[rs] Allen & Sims. And from Armagh, Mess[rs] Cherrie & Maxwell, and if at that time, s[d] Pby shall think fit to continue together, then M[r] Gordon, with the concurrence of his Congregation shall have libertie to join any other Pby. And that at s[d] meeting, they shall endeavour to make up whatever misunderstandings may be among them. Adjourned to 8 to morrow morning. Interloq[r] at 6. Concluded w[t] prayer.

Sess. 6[ta]

Die Veneris. Hora Octava. Mane &c.

Overt.

The Committee of Overtures, now, laid before the Synod, w[c] was read, & agreed to: namely, that whereas it appeared that several Formula's of Subscription to the West: Confess: of faith, have been used in different Pbyes: & the reason given, that they have not had the Synods Formula, which has occasioned some Disputes & Jealousies, it is ordered, that for the future, one Formula, namely, that of the gen[l] Synod, shall be used in all the Pbyes belonging to this Synod, to be subscribed by all Intrants to Miñry, at their being Licensed Ordained & Installed. And that a copy of s[d] Formula shall be transmitted, by the Clk, to each Pby, along with the Minutes of this Synod. And that the Pbyes give, yearly, an account of their care & diligence, in this matter, to the Synod.

The Mod[r] concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq[r]. 1.

Report being made to this Interloq[r] of divisions & confusions creeping into the Congregation of Convoy, Mess[rs] Delap & Higinbothom are ordered to draw up a Letter to be sent to that People, which was done.

M[r] M[c]Master now paid the Widows, and has ordered that M[rs] Hemphill & the widow of M[r] Rob[t] Drummond, be put into the List in the place of M[rs] Tombs & M[rs] Cochran deceased.

Interloq[r]. 2.

M[r] Vict[r] Ferguson complains that he is misrepresented by M[r] W[m] M[c]Crackan, as detaining some part of the R.D. due to his Mother's

familie. The Interloq^{r} appoints Messrs Benj: Holmes & Wm Hare, w^{t} the assistance of Wm Hamilton Esqre & M^{r} Jo^{n}. Porter to inspect & adjust accounts between them.

The Interloq^{r} considered how the Supplyers appointed for Rye, last Synod, shall be paid. And after reasoning, it was ordered that seven guineas for fourteen supplyes, shall be deducted from the first Q^{r} of R.D. and that the Clk shall write to the Treasurer that he transmitt s^{d} money to the persons who supplyed there, according to half a guinea ℘ day. Rye

The Pby of Drummore promise to give, at next gen^{l} Synod, nine Crowns for the support of Rye. The Pby of Strabane promise one Crown for each Congregation subject to them. Messrs Menogh, McBride, Allex^{r}, McKean, Cherrie, Wallace, Jo^{n} Kennedy, Wm Wilson, Ja^{s} White sen^{r} & Patk. Plunket promise one Crown each. Mr Jo^{n} Brown of Bellfast four. And Mr Laird two.

The following B^{n}. have now paid one crown each to Rye, namely, Messrs Hutchison, Ambrose, McMaster, Moodie, Thos Brown & Jo^{n} Thomson.

This Interloq^{r} appoints Brughshane to pay their Fund to Castleblaynie.

Ordered that Mrs Cochrans children, and Mrs Rainy be allowed one pound ℘ Q^{r} for one year.

This Interloq^{r} appoints M^{r} McMaster to consult our friends in Dublin, concerning the expediency of addressing the Government at this time. And if they shall judge it expedient, that they do it in our name. And that he farther consult them concerning an application for an augmentation of R.D.

JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

July 28.
1749.

A general Synod at Dungannon, June 19th, 175^{0}.

Mr Jo^{n} Kennedy Mod^{r} of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Acts 28. 31. And then constituted it by prayer. *Post preces sed^{t}* of

Minrs.	Elders.
B.mena Pby.	
Robt. Higinbothom	
Jas. White, senr.	Jon. Armstrong
Jon. Hill	Jon. Galloway
Jas. M'Curdie	Jas. Blair
Jas. White, junr.	
Strabane Pby.	
Jas. Smith	
Hu. Young	
Rout Pby.	
Robt. McBride	Mr. Dav. Snell
Dav. Smylie	Mr. Wm. Smith
Robt. Brown	Jon. Anderson
Gidn. Neilson	Jon. Patteson
Saml. Buys	Adam Aul
Wm. Cochran	
Jon. Smith	Mr. Robt. Ewing
Dublin Pby.	
Ch. McCollum	Mr. Wm. Simson
Monaghan Pby.	
Patk. Plunkett	Mr. Jas. Baxter
Jas. Hamilton	
Wm. Ambrose	Jon. Moorhead
Allexr. McKye	
Geo. Carson	Mr. Archd. Bell
Jas. Clark	Saml. Reid
Dav. Hutchison	Saml. Dale
Hu. Mulligan	
Robt. Gordon	Robt. Hamilton
Thos. Boyle	
Wm Flemming	
Thos. Plunkett	
Jas. Jackson	Mr. Allexr. Wilson
Tyrone Pby.	
Hu. Wallace	
Jon. Kennedy	Jon. Reid
Jas. Orr	Jon. Blaynie
Jon. Gibson	Jon. Wilson
Ch. Caldwell	Jas. Smith
Jas. Turretine	Jas. Allexr.
Adam Duffine	Mr. Wm. Brisbane
Jon. Ker	Jas. Durham
Jas. Todd	Geo. Innis
Jon. White	Andr. Young

Minrs.	Elders.
Letterkenny Pby.	
Saml. Delap	
Jon. Holmes	Mr. Smith
Wm. Wilson	
Wm. Callender	
Derry Pby.	
Dav. Walker	
Bangor Pby.	
Jon. Cochran	Mr. Allexr White
Robt. Cuningham	
Andr. Malcolm	
Saml. Allexr.	Jon. Wells
Jas. Huey	
Wm. Rogers	
Wm. Warnick	
Patk. Buchannan	Mat. McCreery
Richd. Walker	
Killeleagh Pby.	
Allexr. McCombe	Mr. Wm. Donaldson
Jas. Armstrong	
Michl. Henry	
Jon. Strong	
Wm. Dunn	Jon. Lindsay
Armagh Pby.	
John Menogh	Mr. Thos. Rogers
Jon. Maxwell	Mr. Jos. Johnston
Geo. Ferguson	Andr. Dickson
Hen. Jackson	Mr. Robt. Cumine
Drummore Pby.	
Tim. White	Jon. McKibbon
Jon. King	Jon. Moffet
Jon. Semple	Hu. Dobbin
Saml. Sims	Jon. Carlile
Wm. Thomson	Jon. Arnold
Jon. Mulligan	Jon. Neal
T.Patk Pby.	
None.	

Mr Kennedy moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following Bn. were named for a Leet, viz., Messrs Jas White Junr, Jas Smith, Dav: Smylie, Ch: McCollum, Patk. Plunkett, Jon Gibson, Saml Allexr, Allexr McCombe, Jon Menogh, Saml Sims. The Roll was called, & Mr Gibson was chosen. And Jon Cochran was continued Clk. Modr Clk.

Ordered that the several Pbyes meet this night, & prepare Lists, to be given to the Clerk of the Synod, to morrow morning, of their Members for the respective Committees, of Overtures, Bills, Books, the Fund, & Synod's fixed Committee. As also an account of such miñrs as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed, entered on Tryals, or about to be entered on tryals, since last Synod.

Ordered that all the Members of this Synod meet at 7, to morrow morning for prayer, & continue therein till 9. When open Synod shall begin. Concluded wt prayer.

Die Mercurij. Hora nona Mane. Post preces Sedt qui supra. Sess. 2da

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The Pbyes now gave in Lists for the Committees, as also the following Reports, namely,

The Pby of B.mena report that Mr Wm Holmes, dyed May 1, 1750. Dead

Strabane Pby report that Mr Jas Maxwell dyed Febr. 1, 1749/50.

Rout Pby have Licensed Mr Robt Ewing, Thos Reid & Jon Smith; have entered Messrs Jon Rainkin & Jon Wight on first Tryals. And have Ordained Mr Jon Smith at Bovidy Octr 31, 1749. Ordained &c

Monaghan Pby have entered Mr Hu: Nesbit on first Tryals, and have Ordained Mr Jas Jackson at Bellybay, Febr. 21, 1749/50. They report that Mr Bapt. Boyd dyed Novr 25, 1749.

Tyrone Pby have entered Mr Allexr Johnston on first Tryals, and Mr Robt Peebles on 2d tryals. And have Installed Mr Jas Turretine at Tobermore.

Letterkenny Pby have entered Mr Hu: Delap on first Tryals: have Ordained Mr Andr Allexr at Urnie Augt 31, 1749. And Mr Callender at the new Erection in Ardstra Octr 11, 1749.

Armagh Pby have Licensed Mr Wm Campble.

Drummore Pby have Installed Mr Tim: White at Loghbrickland Septr 12, 1749.

Coothill Pby have Licensed Mr Wm Moorhead.

The Members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as follow, namely, Synod's fixed Com.

From B.mena Pby, Messrs Higinbothom & Hill. Mr Ch: Johnston Eldr.

For Strabane, Messrs Armstrong & Young.

For Rout, Messrs McBride & Smylie. Mr Jackson Clark, Eld^{r}.

For Dublin, Messrs McBeath & McCollum.

For Monaghan, Messrs Ambrose & Hutchison.

For Tyrone, Messrs Kennedy & Duffine.

For Letterkenny, Messrs Jo^{n} & Benj: Holmes.

For Derry, Messrs Ferguson & Harvey.

For Bangor, Messrs Malcolm and Huey. Mr Jo^{n} Brown Eld^{r}.

For Killeleagh, Messrs McCombe & Strong. Mr Wm Taylour Eld^{r}.

For Armagh, Messrs Menogh & Maxwell.

For Drummore, Messrs King & Sims. Mr Jo^{n} Lawry Eld^{r}.

For T.Patk, Messrs Thos Brown & McConnel. M^{r} Jo^{n} McNeilly Eld^{r}.

These with our Mod^{r}. & Clk, are to meet at Dungannon, when called by the Mod^{r}. on any Emergent. 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12, at least to be Ministers.

Mrs Hemphill

B.mena Pby have contributed to Mrs Hemphill, as have Rout, Drummore, the greatest part of Bangor & Armagh. No account from T.Patk, Strabane, Dublin, Monaghan, Tyrone, Letterkenny, Derry, or Killeleagh. The appointment is renewed with respect to the deficient Presbys, & the same Collectors continued; only M^{r} McCollum is to collect for Dublin.

The Pby of Tyrone, with Correspondents, did meet at Tobermore, and ordered the resettlement of Mr Turretine in that Congregation.

Mr Ereskine

The minute of last Synod relating to the Pby of Derry & Mr Ereskine, being read some B^{n}. report, that with the consent of that Pby, & at his own desire, he was disannexed from it, by the Sub-Synod of Derry. It does not appear that he, Mr Ereskine, was joined to any other Pby, by that Synod. Mr Menogh is appointed to write to him, & his Congregation, that they put themselves under the care of some Pby before next Synod.

Monaghan Pby divided

The Pby of Monaghan with Correspondents, met as appointed last Synod; the Minutes whereof were read: whereby it appears that they were then divided into two distinct Pbyes. The one consisting of the following B^{n}. namely, Messrs Patk. Plunkett, Wm Ambrose, Geo. Carson, Dav. Hutchison, Hu. Mulligan, Thos Boyle, Wm Flemming, Thos Plunkett & Ja^{s} Jackson & to be still called the Pby of Monaghan. The other to consist of Messrs Allex^{r} Flemming, And^{r} Dean, Ja^{s} Bond, Ja^{s} Hamilton, Jo^{n} Algeo, Allex^{r} McKye, Ja^{s} Clark, & Robt Gordon, & to be called the Pby of Coot-hill. Upon the whole, the question was put, namely, Whither the division of the Pby of

Coot-hill

Monaghan, since the Pby with Correspondents, could not prevail with them to continue together, was agreeable to the intention of the minute of last Synod, or not? The Roll was called, & it was carryed in the affirmative· At the same time the Synod approves the conduct of the Bn. who corresponded with that Pby in their endeavours to promote peace.

Adjourned to 6 afternoon. Interloqr at 5. Concluded with prayer.

Hora 5ta post meridiem &c. Sess. 3tia

A Supplication from Scotstown was presented to this Synod by Messrs Jas Brisbane &c: desiring that Mr Robt Ewing, a Candidate in the Pby of Rout, may be appointed to supply that Congregation, for the month of July next. The Synod considered the Supplication, & agreed to appoint him to supply there, the two first Sab's of July, & the two first Sab's of Augt next. Scotstown

Application was made to this Synod, by Mr Tim. White, who produced a Commission from the Pby of T.Patk so to doe, desiring that Mr Wm Rogers may be allowed by the Pby of Bangor to supply the Congregation of Bellyeaston for the space of four Lord's days, commencing the 4th Sab: of July next, or if it be more convenient that he supply them earlier. Which was granted. Bellyeaston

Absent from this Synod, & excused are, Messrs Jas Cochran, Victr Ferguson, Ch: Lynd, Jon Thomson, Robt Henry, Wm Patton, Robt McMaster, Willm McBeath, Allexr Flemming, Andr Dean, Hu: Sharp, Wm Boyd, Dav: Fairly, Robt Wirling, Jon Marshal, Andr Allexr, Jon Stirling, Majr Murray, Nin: Cachran, Thos Strawbridge, Ch: Masterton, Fr: Montgomrie, Neth: Orr, Wm Laird, Jas Reid, Jas Johnston, Geo. Cherry, Jas Allen, Jas Cobham, Allexr Brown & Wm. Livingstone. Absts. excused.

Absent & no excuse from them are, Messrs Jas McGreight, Jon Brown, Fr: O'Bryan, Andr. Welsh, Wm. Armstrong, Jos: Osborne, Fr: Ross, Jon Logue, Hu: Gaston, Ebenr. Killburn, Jas Bond, Jon Algeo, Jon McGaughy, Benjn. Holmes, Andr. Hamilion, Jos: Kinkead, Andr. Ferguson, Dav: Harvey, Thos Bond, Jon. Lile, Hen: Ereskine, Jon. Hood, Wm. Hare, Jos: Reagh, Robt Huey, Jon Moorhead, Hu: Dickson, Andr. Kennedy, Jas McKean, Saml Forgie, Thos Scott, Gibt Kennedy, Jas Moody, Geo: Henry, Wm. Thomson, Thos Crawford, Jon Thomson, Thos Brown, Wm. Henderson, Jon McConnel, Geo: Heron, & Robt Leathes, Adjourded to 7 to morrow morning. Concluded with prayer. Not excused.

Die Jovis. Hora 7ma mane &c. Sess. 4ta

A Supplication from some persons, formerlie members of the Congregation of Castle Blaynie (but as they set forth, dismissed from that Congregation by the Sub Synod of Armagh) was presented to this Synod by Willm. Bailie, desiring Snpplyes. The Minute of that Sub Synod with reference to this affair, was read: by wc it appears that sd Sub Synod ordered them to pay what arrear they owed to Mr Gordon, Castle-Blaynie.

and upon their so doing, to get dismisses, & be under the care of the Pby of Monaghan, till the gen[l] Synod. M[r] Gordon now alledgeth that the above Commiss[r] is indebted to C.Blaynie, not only in Stipend due by himself, but also as one of the Bondsmen of the whole Stipend. The Commiss[r] alledgeth money to be due to him by s[d] Congregation. A Letter from L[d] Blaynie, directed to this Synod, was read, wherein his Lordship asserts that M[r] Gordon had not made that submission to him, w[c] the Pby of Monaghan had enjoined. The Synod ordered M[r] Gordon to write a letter of submission to his Lordship, & bring it in to next sed[t]: & ordered that a letter, in the name of the Synod to L[d] Blaynie, be wrote by M[r] Maxwell. The Synod farther enjoins M[r] Gordon & the Supplicants, to leave the adjustment of their accounts to the arbitration of Mess[rs] Jo[n] Kennedy, Jo[n] Gibson, Jo[n] King, Jo[n] Mulligan, & Jo[n] Ker; who are to meet for that purpose, at Kedy, the 4th Wedensday of July next. The Synod farther recommends it to M[r] Gordon, & the Supplyants, to use all proper & Christian endeavours in order to remove the differences that subsist between them; & that these Malecontents be allowed libertie to associate with neighbouring Congregations, most convenient to them, & be admitted to Sealing Ordinances, as they shall have occasion, upon their producing Certificates from the Session of C.Blaynie; and that s[d] Session shall give Certificates to those who are free of publick scandal: and this to continue till next gen[l] Synod, if their differences be not compromised before that time. The Committee afores[d] are not only to adjust their Accounts, but also to fix the persons who shall have Certificates.

Next Synod.

The next Synod is to be at Antrim the 3[d] Tuesday of June 1751. Sermon to begin at 5 o' the clock afternoon.

Caple Street & Derg.

From Caple Street appeared Mess[rs] Ch: M[c]Collum, W[m]. Simson, &c. prosecuting an Appeal from a Resolution of a Committee of the Pby of Strabane, refusing the Translation of M[r] Hu: Young from Derg, to Caple Street. A supplication from Derg was presented to this Synod by W[m]. Seaton &c. praying that the relation between their Pastor & them, may be continued. Then the Minute of the Committee, from which the appeal was made, was read: The Reasons for the desired Translation, & Dergs answers to these reasons, were severally read. The Commiss[rs] from Caple Street & Derg were all heard, as was also the Pby of Strabane. M[r] Young was also heard, who expressed his sincere attachment to Derg. Parties being removed, the Synod reasoned on the affair, & M[r] Delap was desired to pray for light and direction in the issuing of it. Then the Question was putt namely, Remove M[r] Young from Derg, to Caple Street, or not? The Roll was called, & it was carryed in the negative by a great majority. Parties were called in, and the Minute read to them.

Moyra.

From Moyra appeared Allex[r] Robison &c supplicating that this Synod would put that, now united, Congregation under the care of the Pby of Bangor, which was granted.

Clogher.

Mess[rs] Tho[s] Moor &c from Clogher, presented a supplication desiring that they may be supplyed from this time, till next Synod, by the following Candidates, namely, M[r] M[c]Neilly for July. M[r] Hull for

August. Mr Ewing for Septr. Mr Martin for Octr. Mr Adams for Novr. Mr Sloan for Decr. Mr Duglass for Janr. Mr Campble for Febr. Mr Thos Reid from Rout, for March. Mr Saml Kennedy for Apr. Mr Rowan for May. And Mr Thos Reid from Killeleagh Pby for June. They also supplicate that some ordained Miñrs be appointed to administer the Sacrament of the Supper to them. The Synod granted the Supplication, & appointed Messrs Gibson, Cardwell & Ker to administer the Sacrament as desired.

Mr Delap, in the name of the Pby of Letterkenny, applyed to this Synod, for leave to call such Probationers to supply Raphoe, now erected into a Congregation by the Sub-Synod of Derry, as they shall from time to time need, till next genl Synod, which was granted. Raphoe

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. And immediately resolve this Synod into an Interloqr. Concluded with prayer.

Hora 5ta post Meridiem, &c. Sess. 5ta

A Supplication from part of the Session & Congregation of Ballee was presented to this Synod, by Messrs Ch: Johnston &c. desiring that their appeal from some Resolutions of the Pby of Killeleagh (ordering a Call to be drawn up by part of that Congregation, & that sd Call be tendered to Mr Robt Smith) may be considered by this Synod: And further supplicating that he, Mr Smith, may be laid aside, & that this Synod send them other Supplyes for some time. The Minutes of that Pby relating to this affair, were read: the Reasons of Appeal, & answers to them, were read. Appeared from the other part of that Congregation Messrs Jas Clark, &c., who gave in a Paper containing a long detaile of the proceedings of that Congregation: & supplicating that Mr Smith's settlement among them may be forwarded, as this Synod shall think fitt. All Parties were heard, & being removed, the Synod, after reasoning, put the Question, namely, Approve the conduct of the Pby of Killeleagh, or not? The Roll was called, & it was carryed in the affirmative, by a great majority. Ballee

The Synod. at the request of a Commr from Rye, appoints Messrs McCurdie & Lile to administer the Sacrament of the Supper there the second Sabath of Augt next Rye

Mr McCollum moved that this Synod would grant the same libertie to Caple Street, with respect to their being supplyed by the Pbyes, as formerlie. Which was granted. He further desired that a letter be wrote, & sent by this Synod, to that Session & Congregation. The Synod agrees, and appoint Messrs Maxwell & McCombe to write sd Letter. Adjourned to 8 to morrow morning. Concluded wt prayer. Caple Street

Die Veneris. Hora 8va Mane, &c. Sess. 6ta

This Synod now considered what advice shall be given to ye Pby of Killeleagh, with reference to their conduct, for the future, in the affair of Ballee: and in reasoning on this subject, the Synod observed some thlngs advanced last night, & now insisted on, affecting the Ballee

Character of Mr Smith, namely, that he from the Pulpit of Clonanish, in a Lecture, had uttered words which gave great offence to several People there, at that time, & have been since reported thro' the Country: and also considering that tho' a Committee of the Pby of Monaghan had enquired into that affair, & acquitted him, yet it has not putt a stop to the offence & clamour raised by it. It was moved by some Members, that a Committee be appointed by this Synod, to enquire into that whole affair, before advice can be given to the Pby of Killeleagh. Others moved that advice be given now. Upon which the Question was put, viz., a Committee or advise now? The Roll was called, & it was carryed for a Committee. Accordingly the Synod appoints the following B^{n}. namely, from Tyrone Pby, Messrs Kennedy, Gibson, Duffine, & Ker. From, Rout, Messrs Smylie & Henry. From Killeleagh, Messrs McCombe & Henry. From B.mena, Messrs Higinbothom, & Hill. From Strabane, Messrs Ferguson & Young. From Letterkenny, Messrs Marshal & Callender. From Derry, Messrs Ferguson & Hood. From Bangor, Messrs Allexander & Huey. From Armagh, Messrs Menogh & Maxwell. From Drummore, Messrs White & Sims. And from T.Patk, Messrs Thos Brown & McConnel: & with each, an Elder, of which Eight to be a Quorum. They are to meet at Aghnacloy the 3^{d} Wednesday of July next; and are to give advice to ye Pby of Killeleagh according as Mr Smith's Character shall be cleared, or otherwise.

Scheme for Minrs Widows, &c.

A Scheme for creating a Fund for the support of Ministers Widows & Children, being approved by the Interloq^{r}. And the Interloq^{r} having appointed Messrs Delap, Ja^{s} White Senr, King, Menogh, & Maxwell, together with Mr Wm Bruce, from Dublin, if he shall think fitt, to draw up a Resolution of the Synod, for the continuing subscriptions, in time to come, for the support of s^{d} Fund. A Draught of s^{d} Resolution was now read, and is as follows, namely:—Whereas a Scheme has been formed for enabling such Miñrs as shall be so minded to make a provision for their wives & children on the event of their death by an Annual contribution of forty shills. a year, out of their proportion of the King's bounty. Now we the Genl Synod of Ulster having seriously considered s^{d} scheme, & being satisfyed of its evident tendency to support the Credit of the dissenting interest in general, and likewise to save from distress, many Families in particular, doe hereby resolve, that every person who shall succeed to any of the Congregations of those who are, or hereafter shall be contributors to s^{d} Fund, shall pay yearly, during his being Miñr of s^{d} Congregation, the like summe, of forty shills. out of his proportion of the King's bounty, to the continuance of s^{d} Fund; & on this condition, the wife & children of such successor shall be entitled to an equal & annual distribution, agreeable to the nature & design of the above mentioned Scheme. The above Resolution was voted & unanimously approved, excepting one dissenting voice.

Fund.

The Committee of the Fund, laid the following Overture before the Synod, w^{c} was read, & agreed to, namely, that the state of the Localities shall continue, as appointed last Synod, until the next; and at next meeting of the Synod, the Clerks of the several Pbyes, bring in,

and deliver to the Committee of the Fund, an exact List of ye several Congregations, within their respective bounds, who need it, & the quantity they stand in need of. As also an account of what Fund money, each Congregation within their bounds, pay towards ye Genl Fund.

The Mod[r]. concluded the Synod with Prayer.

Interloq[r]. 1.

A Scheme for creating a Fund for the support of Miñrs Widows & Children, was read in this Interloq[r]. & was generally approved, & agreed to; & a subscription of forty shills per Annum was proposed for the raising such Fund. Accordingly several of the B[n]. now subscribed.

By Certificates from the Gentlemen who had the inspection of Accounts between M[r] Victor Ferguson & M[r] W[m]. M[c]Crackan, concerning the R.D. it appears that M[r] Ferguson has acted a fair and candid part in that matter. M[r] Ferguson

Interloq[r]. 2[d].

Several more B[n] now subscribed to the Fund for the support of Miñrs Widows &c. This Interloq[r] agrees, that the following B[n], namely, Messrs Delap, Ja[s] White Sen[r], King, Menogh, & Maxwell, together w[t] M[r] W[m] Bruce from Dublin, if he shall think fitt, shall draw up a Resolution of the Synod, for the continuing Subscriptions, in time to come, for the support of s[d] Fund.

Interloq[r]. 3[d].

The above Scheme was farther considered, & it was agreed that a fair Copy of it be lodged in the hands of the Clk of the Synod, by him to be transmitted to the several Pbyes; in order to their taking farther subscriptions.

This Interloq[r] also considered, & chose Trustees for the Management of this Fund, & these are Allex[r]. Stewart Esq[re], Will[m]. Lennox Esq[re], Alderman Ja[s] Dun, Doctor Geo: Martin, Doctor Geo: Maconchy, and the Rev[d] M[r] Rob[t] M[c]Master, all of the City of Dublin: and farther agreed that M[r] W[m] Bruce be requested to write to the above Gentlemen, beseeching them to accept of that Trust.

It was also agreed to invite the Pby of Antrim to join in this Scheme. M[r] Maxwell is appointed to write to s[d] Pby for that purpose.

Inserted ℘

July 23. 1750. JO[N]. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

A Genl. Synod at Antrim, June ye 18, 1751.

Mr Jo^n Gibson Mod^r. of the former Synod opened this by preaching from 2 Cor. 4.5, and then constituted it by prayer. *Post preces Sed^t* of

Minrs.	Elders.
Strabane Pby.	
Hu. M'Cracken	
Hu. Delap	Wm. Scott
Rout Pby.	
Robt. M'Bride	Adam Caldwell
Robt. Brown	Allexr. M^cgomrie
Gidn. Neilson	Hectr. Boyd
Robt. Henry	
Saml. Buys	Robt. Reid
Wm. Cochran	Isaac Taylour
Jon. Smith	
Jos. Duglass	
Robt. Ewing	Allexr. Borland
Dublin Pby.	
Wm. Patton	
Robt. M'Master	
Wm. M'Beath	
Monaghan Pby.	
Wm. Ambrose	
Geo. Carson	
Jas. Jackson	Hen. Wilson
Coothill Pby.	
Allexr. M'Kye	Jas. Hamil
Jas. Clark	
Jas. Gordon	Hen. Hamilton
Killeleagh Pby.	
Thos. Scott	
Gilbt. Kennedy	
Allexr. M'Combe	
Jas. Armstrong	Wm. Shaw
Jon. Strong	
Wm. Dunn	Saml. Davison
Robt. Smith	
Armagh Pby.	
Jon. Menogh	
Jon. Maxwel	
Jas. Moodie	
Hen. Jackson	Hans M'Murdie

Minrs.	Elders.
Tyrone Pby.	
Hu. Wallace	
Jon. Kennedy	Ch. Nimmo
Jon. Gibson	Wm. Atkin
Ch. Caldwell	Jon. Drenan
Jas. Turretine	Saml. Hindman
Adam Duffine	Robt. Wilson
Jas. Todd	Moses Paul
Jon. White	Thos. Haliday
Letterkenny Pby.	
Wm. Boyd	Wm. Rodgers
Jon. Holmes	
Wm. Wilson	Wm. Poke
Jon. Marshal	Wm. Stewart
Benj. Holmes	Jon. Elliot
Andr. Hamilton	Jon. Moor
Derry Pby.	
Thos. Bond	Robt. Glendining
Hen. Ereskine	Jon. Allexr.
Jon. Hood	
Robt. Huey	Wm. Gelkie
Bangor Pby.	
Jon. Cochran	Hu. Jackson
Andr. Malcolm	Wm. Davison
Jon. Moorhead	
Wm. Rogers	
Wm. Laird	Jon. Brown
Jas. M'Kean	
Wm. Warnick	Archd. M'Kye
T.Patk Pby.	
Jas. Cobham	Robt. Symington
Allexr. Brown	Jon. Jamison
Wm. Livingstone	Fr. Scott
Wm. Thomson	Robt. Allen
Thos. Crawford	Archd. Hunter
Jon. Thomson	Jonathan Fulton
Thos. Brown	
Wm. Henderson	
Jon. M'Connel	Jas. Cuningham
Jon. Lewson	Jon. Brown
Geo. Heron	
Robt. Leathes	

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Drummore Pby.		B.mena Pby.	
Tim. White	Jon. M'Cammon	Robt Higinbothom	
Jon. King	Jon. Scott	Jas. White, Senr.	Jon. Logan
Jon. Semple	Saml. Patterson	Jon. Hill	Jas. Gibson
Saml. Sims		Jas. M'Creight	Jon. Gibson
Saml. Thomson		Jas. M'Curdie	Allexr. Gaston
		Jon. Brown	
		Jas. Cochran	Robt. Saunderson
		Fr. O'Bryan	Adam Dickie
		Jas. White, Junr.	Jon Thomson

Mr Gibson moved that another be chosen to Moderate in this Synod. The following Bn were named for a leet, viz. Messrs Jon Hill, Robt Brown, Wm Patton, Wm Ambrose. Cha: Caldwell, Wm Rogers, Allexr McCombe, Jon Menogh, Saml Sims, Jon Thomson, Thos Bond, & Wm Wilson. The Roll was called, & Mr Patton was chosen. And Jon Cochran was continued Clk *nem : contradicente.* Modr. Clk.

Ordered that the several Pbyes meet this night & prepare Lists for the respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, books, Fund, & the Synod's Fixed Committee, as allso an account of such Minrs as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed, entered on tryals, or about to be entered on tryals since last Synod.

Ordered that all the Members of this Synod meet at Seven o'clock to morrow morning, for prayer, & continue therein till 9. When open Synod shall begin.

Die Mercurij. Hora nona mane. Post preces sedt qui supra. Sess. 2da.

The time appointed for prayer, was observed.

The Pbyes now gave in lists for the Committees, as also the following accounts, namely :

The Pby of Strabane report that Mr Hu: McCrackan was Ordained at Badoney June yc 4th 1751, and Mr Hu: Delap at Omagh June 5, 1751. They both subscribed. Ordained

The Pby of Rout have Ordained Mr Joseph Duglass at Derrikighan Apr 9, 1751. And Mr Robt Ewing at Killraghtes June 12, 1751. They both subscribed. They report that Mr Fr: Ross dyed March ye 4, 1750/1. Dead, &c.

Monaghan Pby have Licensed Messrs Hu. Nisbit & Wm McKye, who both subscribed.

Coothill Pby report that Mr Allexr Flemming dyed Octr 13, 1750, and that they have translated Mr Gordon from C.Blaynie to Raphoe.

Tyrone Pby have Licensed Mr Allexr Johnston : who subscribed.

Derry Pby have Licensed Mr Jon. Haslet : and Ordained Mr Jon Cochran at Movill, July ye 3d, 1750. They both subscribed. Mr Majr Murray died in Febr 1750/1.

Bangor Pby report that Mr Ch. Masterton dyed July ye 15, 1750, that they have deposed Mr Neth. Orr. And that Messrs Jos. Mitchell & Wm. Rowan are entered on 2d tryals.

Killeleagh Pby have Licensed Mr Jon Williamson, & Ordained Mr Robt Smith at Ballee Octr 3d 1750. Who both subscribed. And have entered Mr Wm Donaldson on first tryals.

Drummore Pby have entered Mr Wm Henry on first Tryals.

T.Patk Pby have Licensed Mr Allexr Neilson, who subscribed & have entered Mr Jas Dick on first, & Mr Allexr Neilson on 2d tryals,

B.mena Pby have entered Mr Jon Rainkin on 2d tryals.

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as follow, namely,

For Strabane Pby, Messrs Armstrong & Young.

For Rout, Messrs McBride & Buys.

For Dublin, Mr McCollum.

For Monaghan, Messrs Ambrose & Hutchison.

Eor Coothill, No Return.

For Tyrone, Messrs Kennedy & Duffine.

Nor Letterkenny, Messrs Marshal & Benj. Holmes.

For Derry, Messrs Ferguson & Harvey.

For Bangor, Messrs Malcolm & Huey.

For Killeleagh, Messrs McCombe & Henry.

For Armagh, Messrs Ferguson & Henry.

For Drummore, Messrs White & Sims.

For T.Patk, Messrs Thos Brown & McConnel.

For B.mena, Messrs McCurdie & Brown.

These with our Modr & Clk are to meet at Dungannon, when called by our Modr on any Emergent. 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12, at least, to be Miñrs.

Mrs Hemphill

It is recommended to those who have not paid their charitable contribution to Mrs Hemphill, that they do it as soon as possible. It was agreed that the several Pbyes call their respective absentees from this Synod, to account, at their next, meeting after their receiving a copy of the Synod's Minutes.

Absts. excused

Absent from this Synod, & excused are, Messrs Victr. Ferguson, Ch. Lynd, Ch. McCollum, Ebenr Killburn, Patk. Plunkett, Dav. Hutchison, Andr Dean, Jas Bond, Jon Algeo, Jas Orr, Hu. Sharp, Jon Ker, Saml. Delap, Dav. Fairlie, Robt Wirling, Thos Vance, Jon Stirling, Nin. Cochran, Dav. Harvey, Wm Hare, Jon Cochran, Fr. Mtgomrie, Andr Kennedy, Patk. Buchannan, Jas Reid, Saml. Forgie, Jas Johnston, Geo. Cherrie, Geo. Ferguson, Robt Gordon, & Jas Allen.

Not excused

Absent & no excuse from them are Messrs Jas Smith, Andr. Welsh, Wm Armstrong, Jos Osborne, Jon Thomson, Dav. Smylie, Jos Logue,

Hu. Gaston, Geo. Carson, Hu. Mulligan, Thos Boyle, Wm Fleming, Thos Plunket, Ja^{s} Hamilton, Jo^{n} McGaughie, And^{r} Hamilton, Jos. Kinkead, Wm Callender, And^{r} Ferguson, Jo^{n} Lile, Dav. Walker, Jos. Reagh, Robt Cuningham, Hu. Dickson, Saml Allex^{r}, Ja^{s} Huey, Richd Walker, Mich^{l} Henry, Geo. Henry, & Wm Thomson.

None of the Committee appointed in the affair of C.Blaynie, attended, but Mr Gibson. This Synod appoints a new one to consist of the following B^{n}, namely, Messrs Jo^{n} Kennedy, Maxwell, King, Ker, Gibson, & Geo. Ferguson, to meet at Kedy, the first Wednesday of Augt next, and finally issue that affair. Mr Gordon & others concerned, to attend, s^{d} Committee. C.Blaynie

Mr Ja^{s} Gordon having cast harsh & severe reflections on Gentlemen, not now present, he was rebuked, in the name of the Synod, by the Mod^{r}. Adjourned to 10 to morrow morning. Interloq^{r} at 4 this afternoon. Mr Gordon rebuked

Concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis Hora 10ma *mane &c.* Sess. 3^{tia}

The following Overture was brought in, & agreed to by ye Synod, viz., That whereas Messrs Neth. Orr of Bangor, & Allex^{r} Miller of Ardstra, sometime a part of this Body, but for various crimes absolutely deposed from the Ministry they received from us & now cast out of our Communion, do persist in despite of all our admonitions and reproofs, as we are well informed to marry all such persons of whatever denominations as apply to them. This Synod does hereby declare their utter abhorrence and detestation of such vile & scandalous practices, & could their censures any way farther affect them, we would gladly inflict them. And this Synod does farther declare, that we look upon such marriages as have been made by any of them, since their Desposition, to be no better than if made by any footman in the Kingdom: & all such persons of our Communion, as shall for the future, be marryed by any of them, shall be deemed none of our Communion till they first publickly, in the face of some Congregation in our bounds, confess their irregular & scandalous behaviour, & enter into the Matrimonial bonds in some regular way. And that all Witnesses of such Marriages shall publickly acknowledge their fault before they shall be received as regular members of our Communion. And this Synod unanimously agrees this Overture shall be read by every Miñr, in their several Congregations, in our bounds, on the first Lord's day they can have an opportunity to read the same. Messrs Neth. Orr & Miller

Next Synod to be at Dungannon the 3^{d} Tuesday of June 1751. Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon. Next Synod

The Committee met at Aghnacloy, as appointed last Synod, & advised the Pby of Killeleagh to proceed to the Ordination of Mr Robt Smith at Ballee, w^{c} has been accordingly done. The Minutes of s^{d} Committee were read in the Synod, & the Question put, viz., Approve the conduct of the Committee, or not? The Roll was called & it was

carryed in the affirmative by a great majority. Mr Turretine entered his protest against sd Resolution.

Clogher

A Supplication from Clogher was presented to this Synod, desiring to be put under the care of the Pby of Tyrone. Which was granted.

Bellfast.

A Supplication from the third Congregation in Bellfast, was presented to this Synod, by Mr Jon Brown: desiring that they may be supplyed for the month of July, by Mr Jon Rainkin, for Augt by Mr Marshall, for Septr by Mr Hull, & for the rest till next Synod, that the respective Pbyes be ordered to send such monthly supplyers, as they shall from time to time, write for. And farther, in case they shall fix on any Gentleman, & there shall happen to be an Appeal, that the Synod's Committee be ordered finally to issue sd appeal. The Supplication was granted.

Omagh

A Supplication from Omagh, was presented to this Synod, by Dav. Denny &c., desiring that they may be disannexed from the Pby of Strabane, & put under the care of the Pby of Letterkenny. Which was granted. The above Commrs complain that the Pby of Strabane send Supplyes to a few persons who had opposed their settlement, & wc they fear may be attended with bad consequences: & request that the Synod would put a stop to it, for the future. The Synod after reasoning, appointed Messrs Higinbothom & McMaster to write to the Pby of Strabane that they desist from sending supplyes to these malecontents. Wc was accordingly done.

Stone-bridge

A Supplication from Stone-bridge was presented to this Synod by Wm Harrison, &c., complaining that the Pby of Monaghan had made an Erection at Newbless, in the bounds of the Pby of Coot-hill, wc they apprehend, may be hurtfull to their congregation, allready very weak, and that this was done, notwithstanding Remonstrances against it, made to the Pby of Monaghan, by the Pby of Coot-hill.

Another Supplication from the Congregation of Drumdartrey & much to the same purpose, was presented to this Synod, representing that sd Erection would, in like manner be detrimental to & subversive of Drum. The Commrs from Stone-bridge and Drum were heard, & also what the Pby of Monaghan had to say with respect to their conduct in erecting sd congregation. After which the Synod came to the following Resolution, namely, That the Pby of Monaghan was blameworthy in entering into the bounds of the Pby of Coot-hill and erecting a Congregation there: and that the Pby of Monaghan be admonished that they doe not so in time to come. And it is also the judgment of this Synod that sd Erection be dissolved. The Pby of Monaghan was admonished accordingly.

A Supplication from Cookstown was presented to this Synod by Mr Jas Brisbane, desiring that Mr Wm Wilson be appointed to supply them for the month of July next. The Synod appoints him to preach there two Sabaths of sd month.

Adjourned to 6 afternoon. Interloqr. at 5.

Concluded with prayer.

Hora sexta, post meridiem, &c. Sess 4ta

A Supplication from Coagh was presented to this Synod by Jo^n^ M^c^Creight, desiring that Mr Hull be appointed to supply them for the month of July next, and Mr Haslet for Aug^t^, which was granted. Coagh

From Moyra appeared Jo^n^ Robison, &c., setting forth the weakness of that congregation, & requesting that they be allowed a share of the Fund for some time, hoping in a few years, when happily planted, they saall be able to give a competent maintainance themselves. This refer'd to the Committe of the Fund, who are appointed to meet this night, or to-morrow morning; and that the Clks. of the several Pbys attend s^d^ Committe, at their meeting, to answer the end of last year's Overture. Moyra

The Pby of T.Patk desire that this Synod would advise the Pby of Bangor to allow Mr Rogers to supply Ballineure for either the month of July or Aug^t^, as shall be most convenient for him, which was agreed to. Ballyneure

Wm Harrison Commr from Stone-bridge supplicated this Synod for the following Supplyes, namely, M^r^ M^c^Min, for the month of July next, Mr Love for Augt. Mr Smith for Sept^r^, Mr Wight for Octr. Mr Hull for Nov^r^ & Mr Hall for Decr w^e^ was granted.

From Rye appeared Mr Dav: Vance representing the shattered state of that Congregation, and supplicating that this Synod would supply them for some time: & that this Synod, or the Pby of Letterkenny, would write to some Pby in N.Brittain, that they send over some agreeable Candidate to supply them for some time. The Synod refers this to the Pby of Letterkenny, to do in it as they shall see expedient. Rye

M^r^ Ch: M^c^Collum, by a letter supplicates, in the name of the Session and Congregation of Caple Street, that this Synod would renew their former Order with reference to their being supplyed, viz, That the several Pbyes be directed to send such supplyes to them as they shall from time to time write for. Which was granted. Caple Street.

This Synod recommends it to the Congregations that are in Arrear of the Fund to Mr Ja^s^ Gordon, that they take care to have it speedily paid. Adjourned to 8 to morrow morning.

Interloq^r^ at 7. Concluded w^t^ prayer.

Die Veneris Hora octava Mane &c. Sess. 5ta.

The consideration of Mr Ereskine's joining some Pby is put off till next Synod, when if he shall find a competent number of Minrs willing to join him, without hurting other Pbyes, a new one may be erected.

A Memorial from some Members of the Congregation of Plunket Street, directed to this Synod, was read, wherein they complain that by the influence of another part of that Congregation, a new collection of Psalms & hymns, had been introduced into their publick Worship, Plunkett Street

without calling together the Congregation, that their consent might be had in the affair.

A Representation from another part of that Congregation was laid before the Synod, wherein they sett forth, that it was agreeable to the majority of s^{d} congregation, that this new Collection should be made use of, in their publick Worship. As this affair was laid before the Pby of Dublin, the minutes whereof were read in the Synod, and their conduct approved: After reasoning, it was agreed that a Letter be wrote from this Synod, to that Congregation, recommending peace, & mutual forbearance to both Parties. Messrs Boyd, Higinbothom, & Hood, are ordered to draw up s^{d} letter, w^{c} being done, the Letter was read, & the question put, viz, Approve s^{d} Letter, or not? The Roll was called, & it was carryed in the affirmative. Messrs King, Jo^{n} Thomson, Semple & Turretine desired that their Dissent from s^{d} Resolution might be entered in the Minute.

The Mod^{r} concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq^{r}. 1

Pby of Antrim

A Commiss^{n} from the Pby of Antrim, to Messrs Jo^{n} Henderson, Allex^{r} Colvill, Jo^{n} Elder, Allex^{r} Maclain, Clot. Brown, Jo^{n} Beaty, Jo^{n} Marshal, & Wm Nivin, to attend this Synod, and confer w^{t} them about matters of publick concern to them & us, was read in the Interloq^{r} & sustained. Upon which the Gentlemen Commiss^{rs} were heard, who represented that of late years, they had observed a very considerable diminution of the Ord^{ry} R.D. and desired that this Interloq^{r} would give an account of the number of Congregations belonging to ye Synod, which was done: and the number subject to the Synod, amounts to 157. As the number subject to the Pby of Antrim is 13.

Mr Weld's Letter

A Letter from Mr Weld in Dublin, was read, wherein he puts us in mind of a Resolution, sometime agoe, entered into by ye Synod, viz. That a present of Table Linnen be given to Doctor Iveral in London for his care in soliciting the add^{l}. R.D. We agree that such linnen be purchased; & committ the Management of it to Messrs McMaster and Weld, & the Miñrs in the north will pay the one half of ye Charge.

Trustees' Letter

A Letter from the Trustees for the Widow's Fund, in w^{c} they signify their acceptance of s^{d} Trust, & also an enclosed Abstract of their proceedings, in the execution of it, in time past, was read in the Interloq^{r}. Messrs Boyd & Menogh are appointed to answer s^{d} Letter. Which was accordingly done.

Scheme approved

This Interloq^{r} now read the proceedings of last Synod w^{t} reference to the scheme for the Widow's Fund: and with some few amendments, s^{d} scheme was unanimously approved. This Interloq^{r} warmly recommends it to the Several Sessions & Congregations subject to this Synod, that they make charitable Contributions to this Fund, in such manner as they shall see most expedient.

This Interloqr agree that Mrs Lang shall have a portion of the Ordry R.D. during her natural life: with wc the Pby of Antrim concurrs. Mrs Lang

It is farther agreed that the thanks of the house be given to Mr Wm Bruce for his care and zeal in projecting and carrying on ye scheme for the Widow's Fund. Which was done by ye Modr.

Interloqr. 2d.

The Commrs from the Pby of Antrim being now present, it was agreed between them & us, that for the future, the R.D. shall be distributed only to such Miñrs, as actually have Congregations: and that shall be a Key for the Management of the Fund, between them & us. Key for R.D.

Mr Boyd is appointed to write to Mr Lang, our Treasurer, to know what securities he has given for the R.D., and with whom they are lodged; and if there be none, that they be given.

It is agreed that a double portion of the Ordry R.D. be continued to Moy-water & Banbreaky, & that the portion be taken from Sligoe, till they shall be planted. Double portion

Interloqr. 3d.

Agreed that the R.D. be continued & distributed to Minrs till next Synod, as formerlie.

Mr Wm Henderson, tho he has no congregation, generously proposeth to bestow to the Widows' Fund forty shill. a year, without any view of his families receiving anything from it.

This Interloqr. considering the trouble and fatigue the Clk. has been at in the Affair of the Widows' Scheme, agrees, that for this year, he shall have double fees: & that he shall transmitt a Copy of the List for the distribution of the R.D., we he shall send to the Treasurer, to each Pby, along with ye Minutes of the Synod. Clk's fees

Agreed that Mrs Holmes of Urney shall receive one pound ℔ Qr of the Ordry R.D. Mrs Holmes

Mr McMaster not being in the Country last Synod, has at this, paid two years Charity to the Widows of his list, viz. forty shill: to each.

WIDOWS' SCHEME. Widows' Scheme

The Scheme for creating a Fund towards the support of the Widows and Orphan children of such Ministers of the genl Synod of Ulster, and of the Pby of Antrim, having Congregations, as shall be willing to contribute towards it: and likewise for the support of the Widows and Orphan Children of the Successors of all such original Contributors, as it was amended & approved at a Genl Synod at Antrim, June 18, 1751, and as now put under the following regulations, namely:

1. Reg. 1. That every Minister entering into this Scheme, shall subscribe a summe not less than forty shill: a year: & that this subscription shall be sufficient authority to the Treasurer hereafter appointed, to deduct s^{d} summe out of his respective proportion of the Kings bounty.

2. Reg. 2. That in consideration of this annual Contribution, the Widow of every such Minister shall be entitled to an Annuity for life, not less than twelve pounds a year, & not exceeding thirty. And in case s^{d} widow shall dye in less than eight years after becoming entitled to s^{d} annuity, leaving Children or child of that Marriage, s^{d} annuity shall be continued to all the children of the deceased Minister, whither by that, or any other marriage, to the end of s^{d} eight years. And in case of children being left Orphans by the death of their Father, such children, or child shall be entitled to s^{d} annuity for the full term of eight years, & no longer.

3. Reg. 3. That no widow, or Orphan shall be entitled to more than twelve pounds a year, till after the expiration of eight years from the commencement of this Fund: but after this term, the whole annual produce of this Fund shall be equally distributed, provided the summe shall not exceed thirty pounds to each family or widow.

4. Reg. 4. That in case any Widow shall marry another Husband, having children, or one child, living, by the deceased. From the time of s^{d} marryage, only one moyety is to be given to the mother, & the other to the children of the deceased minister, whither by the last, or any other marriage: but on the death of s^{d} children, the whole is to return, and be paid to the mother.

5. Reg. 5. That the Treasurer for the time being, to the Genl Synod, for the Kings bounty, shall be the Treasurer for this Fund, who shall pay into the hands, of Trustees, hereafter named, the annual Produce of the Fund.

6. Reg. 6. That the first payment shall be made by him the 25 or 26, of Septr 1750, out of such portion of the Kings bounty as shall be then in his hands, & that this shall be the annual time of payment for every succeeding year, provided the Treasurer shall have so much of the Kings bounty belonging to the respective contributors, then in his hands, or as soon after as such money shall be received by him. And that the payment of Annuities shall not commence till after the 26, of Septr 1751. And till after the second years contribution has been paid by the Treasurer, to the Trustees.

7. Reg. 7. That the Trustees after giving back to the Treasurer, the summe that shall be from year to year, requisite for discharging the annuties; shall have full power to lay out the Residue at Interest, for the benefit of the Fund, & without any risque to themselves, in such manner as they shall see fit.

8. Reg. 8. That the number of Trusttees shall be six, & the following Gentlemen shall be the original Trustees, namely, Allex^{r} Stewart, Esqre, Wm Lennox, Esqre, Alderman Ja^{s} Dunn, Doctor Geo. Martin, the Revd Robt McMaster, & Doctor Geo. Maconchy, all of the City of Dublin.

And on the event of a vacancy, by death, or otherwise, the remaining Trustees, three at least concurring, are requested to recommend a successor to the Contributors at next Gen[l] Synod, and that timous notice, before the Synod, be given to the Pby of Antrim. And upon the approbation of the majority of the Contributors, such Gentleman shall be deemed a regular Trustee.

Reg. 9. That three shall be a Quorum sufficient for managing any other article of business relative to the Trust, excepting a case should happen, when the annual Produce of the Fund shall not be sufficient to afford a distribution of twelve pounds to each annuitant; upon this occasion it shall be in the power of a full Board, to make up this dificiency, out of so much of the principall, or stock of such Fund as shall happen to be dead in their hands, but in case the money lying dead shall not be sufficient for this purpose, then the distribution shall be suspended till after the next meeting of Gen[l] Synod, when an opportunity will be had of laying the matter before the Contributors to s[d] Fund, in order to its receiving such a Remedy as a majority of them shall direct; the Treasurer giving seasonable notice, by circular letters, to the several contributors, of the nature of this Emergency. 9.

Reg. 10. That all expenses attending the execution of this Trust, shall be defrayed out of the annual Produce of the Fund; and that the Treasurer shall have a right to charge each Annuitant at the rate of sixpence in the pound for his trouble, till such time as the Coutributors & he shall think fit to enter into a new agreement. 10.

Reg. 11. That the respective Annuitants shall be entitled to a proportion of the annuity of the current year, in which they shall happen to dye, corresponding to the time that shall be expired of that year, at the day of their death. 11,

Reg. 12. That an Abstract of the proceedings of the Trustees, & of the state of the Fund, shall annually be transmitted to the Gen[l] Synod and to the Pby of Antrim; and that every Contributor shall be allowed libertie to furnish himself with a Copy of that Abstract for his own satisfaction. 12.

Inserted ℘

JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

July ye 11, 1751.

A Genl Synod at Dungannon June 16, 1752.

Mr Wm Patten Mod^r of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Rev. 3, 2. And then constituted it by prayer. *Post preces Sed^t* from

Minrs.	Elders.
Rout Pby.	
Dav. Smylie	Robt. Brysson
Robt. Henry	
Jon. Logue	
Dublin Pby.	
Wm. Patten	
Robt. M'Master	
Monaghan Pby.	
Patk. Plunkett	Jas. Cochran
Wm. Ambrose	Wm. Henderson
Dav. Hutchison	Patk. Murphy
Thos. Boyle	Saml. Sommeril
Jas. Jackson	Tim. Sloan
Coothill Pby.	
Andr. Dean	
Jas. Hamilton	
Allexr. M'Kye	Jon. Rodgers
Jas. Clark	Thos. Nibloe
Tyrone Pby.	
Hu. Wallace	Jon. Stitt
Jon. Kennedy	Jon. Reid
Jon. Gibson	
Ch. Caldwell	Jas. Laird
Jas Turretine	
Adam Duffine	Jas. Wilson
Jon. Ker	Arthur Dugan
Jas. Todd	Mungo Gray
Jon. White	Jas. Sloan
Letterkenny Pby.	
Wm. Boyd	Thos. Smith
Wm. Wilson	
Jas. Gordon	
Andr. Hamilton	
Thos. Vance	Danl. Gamble
Hu. Delap	Jon. Buchannan
Derry Pby.	
Hen. Ereskine	Jas. Barber
Jon. Haslet	Jon. Clark

Minrs.	Elders.
Bangor Pby.	
Jon. Cochran	Robt. Hamilton
Wm. Laird	
Jos. Mitchel	
Wm. Rowan	
Killeleagh Pby.	
Allexr. M'Combe	Jas. M'Canlis
Robt. Smith	
Jon. Wm.son	
Armagh Pby.	
Jon. Menogh	Thos. Gilpin
Jon. Maxwell	
Hen. Jackson	
Drummore Pby.	
Tim. White	Robt. M'Clelland
Jon. King	Jon. Lowry
Jon. Semple	Wm. M'Cormick
Saml. Sims	Jas. Henry
Wm. Thomson	Jon. Thomson
Jon. Mulligan	Wm. Wilson
Allexr. Neilson	Jas. Fairies
T.Patk Pby.	
Thos. Brown	
B.mena Pby.	
Jas. White, Senr.	
Jon. Hill	Robt. Simson
Jas. White, Junr.	Jas. Walker
Strabane Pby.	
Victr. Ferguson	Jos. Knox
Jas. Smith	
Andr. Welsh	Wm. Roger
Wm. Armstrong	
Jos. Osborne	Jas. Lindsay
Hu. Young	
Jas. Ker	
Jos. Scott	

Mr Patten moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following Bn. were named for a leet, viz., Messrs Dav. Smylie, Patk. Plunkett, Jas Clark, Adam Duffine, Jas Gordon, Jon Haslet, Jos. Mitchel, Allexr McCombe, Jon Semple, Jas White senr & Victr Ferguson. The Roll was called, & Mr Ferguson was chosen. Modr.

And Jon Cochran was continued Clk: *nem : contradicente.* Clk.

Ordered that the several Pbyes meet this night, & prepare lists to be given to the Clk of the Synod, to morrow morning, for the respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, Synods Fixed Committees. As also an account of such Miñrs as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed, entered on tryals, or about to be entered since last Synod.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet at 7 to morrow morning for prayer, & continue therein till 9. When open Synod shall begin.

Concluded wt prayer.

Die Mercurij. Hora nona mane. Post preces sedt qui suqra. Sess. 2da

The Time appointed for prayer was observed.

The Pbyes now gave in their Lists for the Committees : as also the following Reports, namely :

The Pby of Rout report that Mr Ch. Lynd dyed Decr 21, 1751. Dead

The Pby of Monaghan have entered Mr Moorhead on 2d tryals.

The Pby of Tyrone have entered Messrs Wm Kennedy, & Jon Simson on first and Mr Jas Hull on 2d tryals.

Letterkenny Pby have Installed Mr Jas Gordon at Raphoe in Augt last : and have rescinded Mr Robt Laws License.

Derry Pby have Licensed Mr Jas Patten, & Ordained Mr Jon Haslet at Ballykelly Apr 21, 1752. They both subscribed. They report that Mr Nin. Cochran dyed Septr 21, 1751. And Mr Jon Stirling Janr 21, 1752. Ordained &c.

Bangor Pby have Ordained Mr Jos: Mitchel at Moyra Octr 29, 1751. And Mr Wm Rowan at Balinderry Octr 30, 1751. They both subscribed.

Killelagh Pby have entered Mr Jas Hamilton on first tryals : and Ordained Mr Jon Wmson at Drumca Febr 4, 1752, who subscribed.

Drummore Pby have Licensed Mr Wm Henry : and Ordained Mr Allexr Neilson at Bellyronie Augt ye 20, 1751. They both subscribed.

T.Patk Pby have entered Mr Jas Dickson on 2d tryals : & have Installed Mr Wm Rogers at Bellyneure Decr 10, 1751. They report that Mr Geo. Heron was translated from Island Magee to N. Brittain.

B.mena Pby have entered Mr Wm Smith on 2d tryals : & Ordained Mr Jon Rainkin at Antrim Octr 16, 1751, who subscribed. They report that Mr Fr. O'Bryan has dimitted his charge at Grainge.

Strabane Pby have Ordained Mr Jas Ker at Pettigoe Apr 14, 1752. and Mr Jos. Scott at Termont Apr 16, 1752. They both subscribed.

The Members of the Genl Synods Fixed Committee are.

For Rout Pby, Messrs Smylie & Buys.

For Dublin, Mr McCollum.

For Monaghan, Messrs Ambrose & Hutchison.

For Coothill. No Return.

For Tyrone, Messrs Kennedy, Duffine & White.

For Letterkenny, Messrs Gordon & Kinkead.

For Derry Messrs Ferguson & Harvey.

For Bangor, Messrs Malcolm & Huey.

For Killeleagh, Messrs Kennedy & Henry.

For Armagh, Messrs Ferguson & Henry.

For Drummore, Messrs White & Sims.

For T.Patk, Messrs Thos Brown & McConnel.

For B.mena, Messrs McCurdie & Brown.

For Strabane, Messrs Ker & Scott.

These with our Modr & Clk are to meet at Dungannon, when called by the Modr. on any Emergent. 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least to be Ministers.

Mr McCombe is ordered to bring a List to next Synod of these Congregations who have not contributed to the support of Mrs Hemphill, it is recommended to those who are deficient, that they contribute to her as soon as possible.

Absents excused

Absent from this Synod, & excused are, Messrs McBride, Robt Brown. MacBeath, McCollum, Killburn, Hu. Mulligan, Jas Orr, Sharp, Saml Delap, Fairlie, Wirling, Jon Holmes, Marshal, Benj. Holmes, Kinkead, Strawbridge, Andr Ferguson, Thos Bond, Dav. Walker, Hare, Montgomrie, Malcolm, Buchannan, Jas Reid, Forgie, Scott, Johnston, Robt Gordon, Allen, Cobham, Allexr Brown, Livingstone, Henderson, Higinbothom, Jas Cochran, & McCrackan.

Not excused

Absent and no excuse from them are, Messrs Jon Thomson, Gidn. Neilson, Buys, Gaston, Wm Cochran, Jon Smith, Duglass, Ewing, Flemming, Thos Plunkett, Jas Bond, Algeo, McGaughie, Callender, Andr Allexr, Harvey Lile, Hood, Reagh, Robt Huey, Jon Cochran, Cuningham, Moorhead. Dickson, Saml Allexr, Andr Kennedy, Jas Huey, McKean, Warnick, Richd Walker, Gilbt Kennedy, Jas Armstrong, Michael Henry, Strong, Dunn, Cherrie, Moodie, Geo. Ferguson, Geo. Henry, Saml Thomson, Wm Thomson, Crawford, McConnel, Lewson, Rogers, Lees, McCreight, McCurdie, Jon Brown, Fr. O'Bryan, & Rainkin.

None of the Committee in the affair of C. Blaynie, attended except Messrs Gibson & Ker with one Elder. The Synod now appoints the following B^{n}., namely, Messrs McMaster, Smylie. Ambrose, Clark, Gibson, Boyd, Ja^{s} White sen^{r}, Laird, Tim. White, McCombe, Maxwel and Ja^{s} Smith, to meet this evening, & issue that affair. C. Blaynie

Next Synod to be at Dungannon, the last Tuesday of June 1753. Sermon to begin 5 afternoon. Next Synod

A Supplication was presented to this Synod from Drumacose, by Thos Duglass, desiring that Mr Ereskine & that Congregation may be put under the care of some Pby, & particularly of Letterkenny or Rout. The Synod granted the Supplication, & put the question, namely, which of these Pbyes shall that Congregation be put under the care of? The Roll was called, & it was carryed for their being subject to the Pby of Rout, by a great majority. Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Interloq^{r} immediately. Committees at 4. Concluded with prayer. Drumacose

Hora 5ta post meridiem, &c. Sess. 3^{tia}.

The Committe of Overtures now brought in one, viz. That in regard, Minrs are so careless in attending the Genl Synod, it shall be for the future be composed of Delegates of the respective Pbyes in proportion to the number of their Members: & their charges in attending shall be defrayed by their respective Pbyes. And this Overture shall be under the consideration of the several Pbyes till next Synod. Overture

Robt Ker, Esqre, Messrs Robt Graham, &c., from Newbless, presented a Supplication, desiring that the Protestant Dissenters about that place, may be erected into a distinct Congregation, & propose to give undenyable security for the payment of 30 pounds ℔ an: towards the support of a Minister there. From Stone-bridge appeared Messrs Hu. Hamilton, &c., who gave in a supplication, remonstrating against the desired Erection as likely to be injurious & detrimental to that ancient Congregation—As also from Drumdartery appeared Jon. Rogers, Comm^{r}. opposing s^{d} Erection, as what would be greatly hurtful to their Congregation, & praying that it may not take place. All parties were heared, & being removed, the Synod, after reasoning, now divided, some being for this state of the Question, namely, Shall they be supplyed or not? Others moved that the question be, Shall they be erected or not? Upon which the previous Question was put, viz., Whither the first or second of these shall be the Question? The Roll was called, & it was carryed for the Second. Then the Question was put, namely, Erection them into a distinct Congregation or not? The Roll was called, & it was carryed in the negative by a great majority. Then another question was put, viz., Shall they be supplyed till next Synod, or not? And it was carryad to supply them, but with the following Limitations namely, that they pay up their arrear, & continue their former Subscriptions to the Congregations, to w^{c} they formerlie belonged, & that they be supplyed by the Pby of Coothill, or by such supplyers as that Pby at their desire, shall invite. Adjourned Newbless

to 9 to-morrow morning. The Select Com. at 7. The other Committees at 8. Concluded w^e prayer.

Sess. 4ta.

Die Jovis, Hora nona Mane, &c.

M^r Ja^s McMillan

M^r Ja^s McMillan a Candidate from N.Brittain produced Credentials from the Pby of Wigtoun, which were sustained by the Synod, unto w^e he promised subjection.

Pbyes of Monaghan & Coothill united

Upon reading the Minute of last night concerning Newbless, it was moved by Mr Ker & others, that they may not be under the care of the Pby of Coothill. On reasoning on this affair, it was moved that there shall be a Coalition of the two Pbyes of Monaghan & Coothill, in order to which, these two Pbyes were to go out & confer together; Mr Ja^s White, Senr & Mr King are ordered to go with them: and being again returned, they report, that as for themselves, they are satisfyed to be reunited, only they of the Pby of Coothill had not consulted their respective Congregations. The Synod recommends peace & concord to all of them, & directs the Ministers to do all in their power, to reconcile their Congregations to this union, so pleasing to the Synod: & therefore the Synod approves of it and orders them, from hence forward, to meet in one Pby, & in a friendly manner, to transact the business of that united Pby.

Omagh

Messrs Wm Scott, Ja^s Nixon, &c., Commrs from part, about 50 families, of the old Congregation of Omagh, presented a Supplication to this Synod, wherein they sett forth, that they never had subjected themselves to Mr Delap's ministry, nor would they do it, & desire that they may be erected into a separate Worshiping Congregation, proposing to give undenyable security for the comfortable support of a Minr.

Erection there

From the other part of that Congregation, now under the care of Mr Delap, appeared Messrs Jon. Buchannan, &c., supplicating that their neighbours on the other part, may not be gratified; & representing that if desired Erection take place, it will be attended with very bad consequences. The Commrs on both sides were fully heard: and being removed, the Synod, after reasoning, put the Question, namely, Erect, or not? The Roll was called, & it was carryed in the affirmative by a great majority: and it was agreed that s^d Erection be under the care of the Pby of Strabane.

T.Patk & Carrick:

Mr Thos Brown, in the name of the Congregations of T.Patk & Carrickfergus, supplicate that this Synod would order each of these Congregations to be supplyed by such Probationers from the several Pbyes, as they shall call, till next Synod. Which was granted.

C.Blayney Wm Bailie & M^r Ja^s. Gordon

The Committee appointed in the affair of C.Blaney, Messrs Ja^s Gordon & Wm Bailie, now brought in a stated account in the following Resolutions, which were approved by the Synod, namely.

Res. 1. That it appears to the Committee that upon a full ballance of Accounts, there is due to Wm Bailie, the summe of £9 13 9.

Res. 2. That it farther appears to s^d Committee, that some time agoe, there was a Collection in the Congregation of C.Blaynie to reimburse s^d Wm Bailie what was due to him, and of s^d Collection, there was lodged with Mr Gordon, for that use, the summe of £6 11 6.

Res. 3. That the s^d Mr Gordon immediately pay to s^d Wm Bailie, the s^d summe of £6 11 6.

Res. 4. That the remainder of s^d £9 13 9 be paid to Wm Bailie, by the Congregation of C.Blaney.

Coleraine

Messrs Ja^s Dodd & Hu: Lile from the New Erection in Coleraine, gave in a Supplication, desiring that Mr Saml Patten from the Pby of Derry may be appointed to that Congregation from this time, till the first of Augt next; and Mr Wm Henry from the Pby of Drummore, for the month of Aug^t, which was granted.

Adjourned to 6 afternoon. Interloq^r at 4.

Concluded with prayer.

Hora Sexta post Meridiem, &c. Sess. 5ta

Mr Ja^s Gordon

A Supplication from Mrs Hemphill was read in the Synod, wherein she complains that Mr Ja^s Gordon had unjustly detained some of her effects. The Synod recommends it to the Pby of Letterkenny, that they take care and pains to excite him to do justice to her, so that no more complaints in this affair come before the Synod; and if he does not, that Pby is ordered to censure him.

C.Blayney

A Supplication from C.Blayney was read, desiring that Synod would allow them such a share of the Fund, as with what they can give themselves, may enable them to afford a comfortable subsistence to a minister, when they shall be planted. A Letter from Ld Blayney was read, representing the weak state of that Congregation, & recommending them to the care of the Synod. It was agreed that they shall have their former share of the Fund, when planted; and that an answer be drawn up to Ld Blayney's letter, by Mr Maxwell.

Vinicash

A Complaint was laid before this Synod from Vinicash, wherein they set forth, that a considerable arrear of the Fund was due to that Congregation. The Synod agrees that the former Localities be continued to Vinicash, & the arrear due be got up with all convenient speed; and that the Pbyēs to which these deficient congregations belong take care in this affair.

Caple-street

A Letter from M^r Ch: McCollum was read, wherein he desires that the former order of the Synod, with reference to the supplying of Caple-street, may be renewed, which was granted.

Fund

It is recommended to the several Pbyēs to take care, & use diligence in raising the Fund, that the credite & publick faith of this Synod may be preserved; & make report to the Synod.

The Mod^r. concluded the Synod with prayer.

*Interloq*r. 1.

Dr. Avary.

Mr McMaster reports that he, in conjunction with Mr Weld, have bespoke the Table linnen for Doctor Avary, and that it is preparing to be sent to him. We agree that our Treasurer pay to them the one-half of the cost of sd linnen.

Amendment to Widows Fund

This Interloqr now makes the following amendment to the scheme for the Widows Fund, namely, That when any of the Congregations whose Miñr is a subscriber to sd Fund, shall become vacant, on that event, forty shill. ℔ an. shall be paid in to the Fund out of the common R.D. during sd vacancy, and that no widow shall be entitled to any portion of the Ordry R.D. any longer, or farther than what shall be due to her husband, at the time of his death.

Messrs Boyd, Menogh, & Maxwell are appointed to draw up an Overture with reference to the making Collections for the Widows Fund.

*Interloq*r. 2.

Trustees Letter

A Letter from the Trustees for the Widows Fund was read in this Interloqr, wherein they give an account of the state of the Fund, wc was very satisfying to us. Mr Menogh is appointed to write to the Trustees, & give the thanks of this Interloqr to them for their generous care and concern in this matter.

Moyra & Rye

A Representation from Moyra & Rye was read in this Interloqr, giving an account of the great cost they have been, and are likely to be at, in prosecuting a law-suite for the recovery of their Meeting houses, that some time agoe, had been violently seized, & detained from them, by the Seceders. The Interloqr recommends it to the Pbyēs belonging to the Sub-Synods of Derry & B.mena, to contribute to the assistance of Rye; and to the Pbyēs belonging to the Sub-Synods of Bellfast & Armagh to assist Moyra.

Mr McMaster's charity

Mr McMaster now paid 20 Shill of charity to each of the following Widows, namely, Mrs Drummond, Mrs Stirling, Mrs Hemphill, Mrs Neil, Mrs Dykes, Mrs Hasting, & Mrs Vance.

Messrs Boyd &c now brought in an Overture to this purpose, viz., That each Pby shall draw up a paper containing arguments to promote a charitable Collection for the benefit of the Widows Fund: a copy of wc is to be taken by each Miñr & he to read sd paper to his Congregation, & use such prudent methods as may appear to him most effectual for raising such Collection, & that an attempt be made in each Congregation for this purpose. Otherwise such Subscriber as shall neglect to raise such Collection, shall be deprived of the benefit of this Fund, & the mony he has already given, be returned to him: & that an account shall be given to the Synod of the diligence or negligence of Minrs in this affair, in order to the Synods behaving towards such persons accordingly: and that a Collection to this purpose shall be made before Michaelmass next.

Inserted ℔

JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

July 12,
1752.

A General Synod at Dungannon, June 26, 1753.

Mr Victr Ferguson Modr of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Coll. 3, 15. And then constituted it by prayer, after which were present from,

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Minrs.	Elders.
Dublin Pby.	
Ch. M'Collum	
Monaghan Pby.	
Wm. Ambrose	Ch. Norris
Geo. Carson	
Dav. Hutchison	Jon. Black
Thos. Boyle	
Wm. Fleming	
Thos. Plunkett	Dav. Bell
Jas. Jackson	Tim Sloan
Wm. Moorhead	
Coothill Pby.	
Jas. Bond	Robt. Greg
Allexr. M'Kye	
Jas. Clark	Jos. Smith
Wm. Smith	Allexr. Bell
Tyrone Pby.	
Hu. Wallace	Wm. Wilson
Jon. Kennedy	Wm. Herdman
Jon. Gibson	Allexr. Campbell
Ch. Caldwell	
Jas. Turretine	Jas. M'Clurg
Adam Duffine	Wm. McRoy
Jon. Ker	Jon. Haddon
Jas. Todd	Geo. Innis
Jon. White	Jon. Whiteside
Jas. Hull	Adam Lynd
Letterkenny Pby.	
Jon. Holmes	Wm. Cochran
Wm. Wilson	
Jon. Marshall	Jon. M'Crea
Jas. Gordon	
Jos. Kinkead	
Wm. Callender	

Minrs.	Elders.
Killeleagh Pby.	
Allexr. M'Combe	
Michl. Henry	Jon. Clark
Jon. Strong	
Robt Smith	
Armagh Pby.	
Jon. Maxwell	Captn Jos. Johnston
Jas. Moodie	
Geo. Henry	
Hen. Jackson	
Drummore Pby.	
Tim. White	Jon. Todd
Jon. King	Jas. Potts
Jon. Semple	Patk. Flemming
Saml. Sims	Jon. M'Kye
Jon. Mulligan	Wm. Dugan
Allexr. Neilson	Wm. Paxton
Wm. Henry	Jas. M'Adam
T.Patk Pby. none	
B.mena Pby.	
Jas. White, Senr.	Jas. Brown
Jon. Hill	Robt. Sheilds
Jas. M'Curdie	Jon. Shaw
Jon. Brown	Jas. Wason
Jas. White, Junr.	
Jon. Rainkin	Jas. Gleghorn
Jas. Ker	
Strabane Pby.	
Victr. Ferguson	
Jos. Scott	

Derry Pby. none.

Bangor Pby.

Jon. Cochran
Saml. Allexr.
Wm. Laird
Wm. Warnick
Patk. Buchannan
Richd. Walker
Jos. Mitchel
Jon. Ferguson
Jas. Sims
Jos. Cowper
Jon. Carlile

Rout Pby.

Dav. Smylie
Robt. Brown
Robt. Henry
Jon. Logue
Hen. Ereskine
Hu. Gaston
Jon. Smith
Robt. Ewing
Robt. Brysson
Thos. Mechlin
Wm. Martin
Saml. Patterson
Hu. Crooks from the South

Modr. Mr Ferguson moved that another be chosen to moderate in this. The following Bn were named for a Leet, viz., Messrs McCollum, Ambrose, McKye, Caldwell, Jon Holmes, Warnick, McCombe, Maxwell, Semple, Scott, Rainkin, & Smylie. The Roll being called, Mr Maxwell was chosen. And

Clk. Jon Cochran was continued Clk. *nem. contra.*

Ordered that the several Pbyes meet this night & prepare Lists to be given to the Clk of the Synod, to-morrow morning of their members for the respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, & Genl Synod's fixed Committee. As also an account of such Miñrs as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed, or entered on tryals since last Synod.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet at 7 to morrow morning, for prayer, & continue therein till 9. When open Synod shall begin.

Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 2. *Wednesday. Nine in the Morning.* After prayer, present as in the Roll.

The time appointed for prayer was observed,

The Pbyes now gave in Lists for the Committees: as also the following Reports, namely,

Dublin Pby have entered Mr Wm Wright on 2d tryals.

Ordained &c. The Pby of Monaghan have ordained Mr Wm Moorhead at Fintanagh Septr 26, 1752.

The Pby of Coothill have Ordained Mr Wm Smith at Stonebridge Augt 26, 1752.

Tyrone Pby have entered Messrs Jon Simson & Wm Kennedy on 2d Tryals, & have Ordained Mr Jas Hull at Cookstown Augt ye 5, 1752. They report that Mr Hu: Sharp dyed Febr ye 7, 1753.

Drummore Pby have Ordained Mr Wm Henry at Drummore, May the first, 1753.

Killeleagh Pby report that Mr Jas Reid dyed the beginning of June, 1753.

Ballymena Pby have Installed Mr Jas Ker at Ahoghill. He had dimitted his Charge at Pettigoe.

The Members of the gen[l] Synod's fixed Committee are as follow, namely from

Dublin Pby, no return.

Monaghan Pby, Messrs Ambrose & Hutchison.

Coothill Pby, no return.

Tyrone Pby, Messrs Wallace, Kennedy & Duffine.

Letterkenny Pby, Messrs Benj: Holmes & Allexr.

Derry Pby, Messrs Ferguson & Harvey.

Bangor Pby, Messrs Malcolm & Huey.

Killeleagh Pby, Messrs Kennedy & Henry.

Armagh Pby, Messrs Ferguson & Henry.

Drummore Pby, Messrs White & Sims.

T.Patk Pby, Messrs Thos Brown & McConnel.

B.mena Pby, Messrs McCurdie & Brown.

Strabane Pby, Messrs Young & Scott.

Rout Pby, Messrs Smylie & Logue.

These with our Mod[r] & Clk are to meet at Dungannon when called by the Mod[r] on any Emergent. 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least to be Minrs.

The consideration of having the Synod by Delegation, is putt off till next Synod.

Mr Jas Gordon has payd Mrs Hemphill, as he waa enjoined last Synod.

Port-norris & the other Congregations in Arrear of the Fund to Vinicash, are ordered to use diligence in raising & paying s[d] arrear.

The Committee of the Fund are ordered, at their next meeting, to enquire into the deficiencies & other disorders of it, & use their endeavours to have them rectifyed, & make report to the Synod. The Synod resolved itself into an Interloq[r] & adjourned to 5 afternoon. The Committees to meet at 4.

Concluded w[t] prayer.

5 of the clock afternoon &c. Sess. 3.

It was unanimously agreed that next Synod shall be at Antrim the last Tuesday of June 1754. Sermon to begin 5 afternoon. Next Synod

Mr Ereskine was now enquired whither he, & his Congregation at Drummacose had joined the Pby of Rout? He says that he attended that Pby at their first meeting after last Synod: but that he observed some of their members to be cool towards him. That Pby being enquired, report that Mr Ereskine appeared indifferent about his joining them. The Synod after considering this affair, recommends to him Mr Ereskine

and his Congregation, to continue under the care of the Pby, for this year, at least. Which was voted & approved of by a great majority.

Overture

A Proposal from the Committee of Overtures, was laid before this Synod, w^c^ was read, & is as follows, viz. The Committee having seriously considered that it is more difficult & expensive for the dissenting Ministers to support themselves & families, in a decent manner, than it was some years agoe, by reason of the dearth of provisions, servants & lands, have agreed to make the following Proposal to the Genl Synod, namely, that in time to come, no minister be fixed in any Congregation subject to this Synod, unless they pay by way of stipend, at lesst £40 0 0 a year: & that it be earnestly recommended to the several Congregations, now planted, who doe not pay yearly, that summe, that they pay it, yearly, in time to come. The Overture was voted & approved by a great majority.

B mony

A Supplication from B.mony was presented to this Synod, by Messrs Jo^n^ Thomson & Gabriel Todd desiring, that in regard their Min̄r, M^r^ M^c^Bride, is become infirm, & they are inclineable to provide him in a Colleague, they be allowed a hearing of some Candidates; particularly that Mr Jo^n^ Simson from the Pby of Tyrone, may be appointed to supply them for the month of July, & Mr Wm Kennedy from the same Pby, for Aug^t^, as also that they have libertie to call other monthly Supplyers, from other Pbyes, w^t^ the concurrence of the Pby of Rout, if need be, till next Synod. The Supplication is so far granted, that M^r^ Hu. Nisbit is appointed to supply them for the month of July, Mr Kennedy for Augt. And the rest with reference to their calling other Snpplyers, is also granted.

Bellfast

Mr Laird supplicates that Mr Simson be appointed to supply the 3^d^ Congregation in Belfast, for the month of July, Mr Hamilton from the Pby of Killeleagh, for Aug^t^, and Mr Wight from Rout Pby for Septr. And that the Pbyes be ordered to send them such other monthly Supplyers, as they shall invite, till next Synod Mr Hamilton is appointed to supply there, the month of July: & Mr Wight for Septr. The rest of the supplication with reference to their calling others, is granted.

Sligoe

The Synod appoints the following supplyes for Sligo, namely, Mr Allex^r^ Johnston for six weeks in July and Augt. M^r^ Hu. Nisbit for Oct^r^, Mr Saml. Kennedy for Decr. Letterkenny Pby for Feb^r^. Mr Mathewson for Ap^r^ & Mr Mean for June.

Newbless

Robt Ker Esqre & others Comm^rs^ from the neighbourhood of Newbless, presented a Supplication, desiring that this Synod would review the affair of that place, & that the desired Erection may be now made, & confirmed. They report that about 50 families concurr in this desire. Messrs Jos: Ringland, &c., from Stone-bridge appeared opposing s^d^ Erection as also Jos. Smith from Drumdarty, for the same purpose. The Synod, after hearing the several Comm^rs^. and Mr Ker's promising that rather than Newbless should not be erected, sufficient security shall be given for the payment of £40 0 0 a year for the support of a Minister there. The Synod reasoned on the affair, &

Parties being removed, putt the Question, viz., Erect, or not? And before the Roll was called, the Sub-Synod of Armagh, at the desire of this Synod, waved their priviledge, & went out; then the Roll being called, it was carryed in the negative by a great majority.

In reasoning on the above affair, the Bn from Coothill represent, that it was not in their power to prevail with their People to comply with the Coalition of the two Pbyes of Monaghan & Coothill, and therefore pray that they may remain distinct as formerlie. The Pby of Monaghan agree'd to, and was satisyed with this desire; and it was granted by ye Synod. Coothill

Adjourned to 8 to-morrow morning. Interloqr at 7. Concluded wt prayer.

Thursday 8, *in the Morning, &c.* Sess. 4

The Commrs from Newbless now supplicate that the Synod would grant them Supplyes till next Synod. After reasoning it was moved, & agreed to that Mr Smith, Miñr, at Stone-bridge be advised to preach to that People, as often as conveniently he can.

From Dunluce appeared Messrs Hu. Boyland & Robt Patterson, supplicating that they & their Constituents in that Parish may be look'd upon as a distinct Congregation, & that this Synod would allow them to be supplyed. Mr Logue alledgeth that these People did, in an abrupt manner separate themselves from the other part of that ancient Congregation, known by the name of Billy & Balintoy. The Synod heard the Commissrs, & it appears that humour too much prevails among them; & as there appears no foundation for two Congregations in that place, the Synod earnestly recommends union & peace among them; & as they have builded two Meeting houses, one of which is sufficient to accommodate the whole Congregation, it is the opinion of this Synod that they assemble for Public worship in that house, of which they have the best tenure, & which appears to be on Billy side. And whereas Mr Logue is reflected on in this affair, the Synod cannot but approve his conduct. It is farther agree'd that Mr Gaston exchange pulpits with Mr Logue, & that he, Mr Gaston, represent the mind of this Synod, and recommend peace & union among them; and that this exchange shall be Sab: come Sennight: & that Mr Gaston shall preach the forenoon in Dunluce side, & the afternoon in Billy. Dunluce

Absent from this Synod & excused are Messrs Wm Patton, Robt McMaster, Wm McBeath, Ebenr Killburn, Patk Plunkett, Andr Dean, Jas Hamilton, Jon Algeo, Jas Orr, Saml Delap, Wm Boyd, Dav: Fairlie, Robt Wirling, Thos Strawbridge, Andr Ferguson, Wm Hare, Jon Cochran, Fr: Montgomrie, Andr. Malcolm, Andr. Kennedy, Wm Rowan, Saml Forgie, Thos Scott, Jas Armstrong, Jas Johnston, Jon Menogh, Robt Gordon, Jas Allen, Wm Thomson, Jas Cobham, Allexr Brown, Wm Livingstone, Jon Thomson, Wm Henderson, Robt Higinbothom, Jas McCreight, Jas Cochran, Fr: O'Bryan, Robt McBride, Jon Thomson, & Saml Buys. Absts excused

Not excused

Absent & no excuse from them are Messrs Jo^{n} McGaughie, Benj: Holmes, And^{r} Hamilton, Thos Vance, And^{r} Allex^{r}, Hu: Delap, Dav: Harvey, Thos Bond, Jo^{n} Lile, Dav: Walker, Jo^{n} Hood, Jos: Reagh, Robt Huey, Jo^{n} Haslet, Robt Cuningham, Jo^{n} Moorhead, Hu: Dickson, Ja^{s} Huey, Ja^{s} McKean, Gilb^{t} Kennedy, Wm Dunn, Jo^{n} Williamson, Geo: Cherrie, Wm Thomson, Thos Crawford, Thos Brown, Jo^{n} McConnel, Jo^{n} Lewson, Wm Rogers, Ja^{s} Smith, And^{r}. Welsh. Wm Armstrong, Jos: Osborne, Hu: Young, Hu: McCrackan, Gid^{n} Neilson, Wm Cochran, & Jos: Duglass.

Fund

The Committee of the Fund now report that there has been a stated account given in to them, by the several Congregations on the Fund, by which it appears that there is a great Arrear due to all of them. Particularly to C.Blaynie £34 6 0. To Cregane £34 9 3. To Loghgall £15 12 5, besides a great Arrear to Tobermore, w^{c} Mr Turretine must fix. To Vinicash £31 7 9. To Moywater £18 0 0, exclusive of near one hundred pounds, given up in the year 1750 by Mr Wilson, that his Localities might be sufficient for the future. The Synod enjoins the several Pbyes, to enquire into the deficiencys within their respective bounds, & the causes of them & to use their endeavours to raise Arrear, & bring it to next Synod.

The Mod^{r} concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq^{r}. 1.

Widows Fund

A Letter from the Trustees of the Widows Fund, together with the present state of that Fund, was read in the Interloq^{r}. whereby it appears that several Miñrs have not raised any charitable contributions to it. The money now on the hands of the Trustees, according to the papers transmitted from them, amounts to £1409 14 6. Messrs Moodie & Jo^{n} Brown are appointed to prepare a draught of a letter to them.

Pby of Antrim

A Letter from Mr Colvill, in behalf of the Revd Pby of Antrim, was read in the Interloq^{r}, wherein he complains that some Miñrs belonging to the gen^{l} Synod, continue sharers in the R.D. who are not statedly officiating Miñrs: and desiring that a List of such be allowed to that Pby. Upon which an enquiry was made into this affair, and it appears that Messrs Ja^{s} Allen & Saml Thomson in the Pby of Drummore, Mr Montgomrie in Bangor Pby, Mr Jo^{n} Cochran in Derry Pby, & Mr Wm Henderson in the Pby of T.Patk are not statedly officiating Ministers. They all are allowed Portions of the R.D. till next Synod, except Mr Thomson, who is to be struck off from it: and as he was a Subscriber to the Widows Fund, no more Contributions shall be received from him to that purpose: & that the money he has already contributed, shall be restored to him. The Clk to write to Mr Colvill, and send s^{d} List; & desire the Pby of Antrim to meet w^{t} the Interloq^{r} of the Synod, next year.

Interloq^{r}. 2.

The recommendation with reference to Moyra, is renewed.

Mr Jas Smith in the Pby of Strabane now desires to be admitted a Subscriber to the Widows Fund. The Interloqr observes that 3 years Contributions are due by him to that Fund, wt Interest, amounting to £6 14 6 wc must be paid before his subscription be admitted. It is farther agreed, that hereafter no Minister shall be admitted a Subscriber to sd Fund, who was in the Miñry at the time this Scheme was agreed to by the Synod, & has hitherto neglected to subscribe. Mr Jas Smith

Mr Turretine is appointed to supply Rye, for the month of July, and the Pby of Tyrone to supply Tobermore two Sabs of that time.

Interloqr. 3.

Messrs Moodie & Brown now brought in the Draught of a Letter to the Trustees of the Widows Fund, wc was read, & approved, & subscribed by the Modr.

By a Letter from our Treasurer it appears that since the date of the Trustees letter to this Synod, £7 13 9 has been transmitted to him, for the Widows Fund. Namely from

Mr Buchannan	£2	10	3
Mr Algeo	0	5	2
Mr Dean	4	18	7

Ordered that Messrs Maxwell & Moodie draw up a Letter to be read in the Several Congregations exciting to a liberal Contribution for the benefit of the Widows Fund, & that they take care to have sd letter printed.

Inserted by

JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

July ye 26. 1753.

A General Synod at Antrim, June 25, 1754.

Mr Jo^n Maxwell Mod^r. of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Coll. 3, 14-15. And then constituted it by prayer: after w^c were present from the

Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan Pby.	
Wm. Ambrose	Mr. Nisbit
Jas. Jackson	
Wm. Moorhead	
Coothill Pby.	
Wm. Smith	
Tyrone Pby.	
Jon. Kennedy	Wm. Herdman
Jon. Gibson	
Jas. Todd	
Jon. White	Robt. Wylie
Jas. Hull	Jas, Thomson
Wm. Kennedy	Fergus Neale
Wm. M'Neilly	
Letterkenny Pby.	
Jon. Holmes	Jon. Caldwell
Jon. Marshall	
Benjn. Holmes	
Thos. Vance	Allexr. Nisbitt
Jas. Turretine	Jos. Brown
Derry Pby.	
Thos. Bond	
Robt. Huey	Jon. Brown
Jon. Haslet	Jonathan Martin
Saml. Patton	
Bangor Pby.	
Jon. Cochran	Jon. Gibson
Robt. Cuningham	
Andr. Malcolm	Wm. Davison
Jon. Moorhead	
Saml. Allexr.	
Andr. Kennedy	
Jas. Huey	
Wm. Laird	Gilbt. Orr
Jas. M'Kean	
Wm. Warnick	
Patk. Buchannan	Allexr. Cuthbert
Richd. Walker	Allexr. Sinclair
Jos. Mitchel	Gain Robinson
Wm. Rowan	Willm. Brown

Minrs.	Elders.
Killeleagh Pby.	
Thos. Scott	
Gilbt. Kennedy	
Allexr. M'Combe	
Jas. Armstrong	
Jon. Strong	Dav. Macanse
Wm. Dunn	Matt. Wylie
Robt. Smith	Hu. Nivin
Jon. Will^mson	
Thos. Reid	
Armagh Pby.	
Jon. Menogh	Robt. Stewart
Jon. Maxwel	
Hen. Jackson	
Drummore Pby.	
Tim. White	Andr. Hairshaw
Jon. King	Jas. Potts
Jon. Semple	Dav. Irwine
Saml. Sims	
Wm. Thomson	Jon. Carlile
Allexr. Neilson	Jon. M'Crackan
Wm. Henry	
T.Patk Pby.	
Jas. Cobham	Jas. Fairies
Wm. Thomson	Robt. Allen
Thos. Crawford	Robt. Potts
Jon. Thomson	Alan M'Crea
Thos. Brown	
Wm. Henderson	
Jon. M'Connel	Jas. Cuningham
Jon. Lewson	
Wm. Rogers	Clot. Gaudie
B.mena Pby.	
Robt. Higinbothom	Andr. Crowk
Jas. White, sen.	Ceo. Reid
Jon. Hill	Hu. M'Rory
Jas. M'Creight	Jon. Wylie
Jas. M'Curdie	Andr. M'Haize
Jon. Brown	Wm. Major
Jas. Cochran	Matt. M'Dowal
Jas. White, Junr.	Jas. Moor
Jon. Rankin	Jon. Bruce
Jas. Ker	Robt. Clark

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Strabane Pby.		Dublin Pby.	
Victr. Ferguson		Ch. M'Collum &	
Hu. M'Crackan		Mr. Gibt. Tennant from America.	
Rout Pby.			
Jon. Thomson	Jon. Irwine		
Robt. Henry	Andr. Brady		
Gidn. Neilson			
Jon. Logue	Wm. Martin		
Hen. Ereskine	Jon. Evans		
Hu. Gaston	Wm. Todd		
Wm. Cochran	Jon. Boyd		
Jos. Duglass			
Robt. Ewing			

Mr Maxwell moved that another be chosen to Moderate in this Synod. The following Bn. were named for a leet, viz., Messrs McCollum, Ambrose, Jon Holmes, Menogh, Marshal, Malcolm, Allexr, Semple, Scott, Rankin, Smylie, Gilbt Kennedy, Thos Brown, & Thos Bond. The Roll was called, and Mr Menogh was chosen. And Jon Cochran was continued Clk. Modr. Clk.

Ordered that the several Pbyēs meet this night, & prepare Lists to be given to the Clk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, and Gen1 Synod's Fixed Committee; as also an account of such Ministers as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed, or entered upon tryals since last Synod.

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet at 7 to-morrow morning for prayer, and continue therein till 9, when open Synod shall begin. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, 9 *in the Morning*. After prayer, &c. Sess. 2d.

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The Pbyēs now gave in Lists for the Committees, and made the following reports, namely:

The Pby of Tyrone report that they have Ordained Mr Wm Kennedy at Carland, Apr 2, 1754, and Mr Wm McNeilly at Clogher, May the 22d, 1754, who both subscribed; and that Mr Jas Turretine was removed from Tobermore to Rye. Ordained

Letterkenny Pby have Installed Mr Turretine at Rye, June 13, 1754, & entered Messrs Jas Calderwood & Isaac Patk on first tryals.

Derry Pby have Ordained Mr Sam1 Patten at Comber, July 3, 1753. Have Licensed Mr Jon McCleland. They report that Mr Jon Cochran Dimitted Apr 20, 1754. Licensed, &c

Bangor Pby have entered Mr Jas Hamilton on 2d tryals.

T.Patk Pby have Licensed Mr Jas Dick, & have entered Mr Robt White on first Tryals, who subscribed.

B.mena Pby have entered Mr Allexr McMullan on first Tryals. The report that Mr Francis O'Bryan dyed June 30, 1753.

Rout Pby have Ordained Mr Jon Simson at Coleraine, Octr 17, 1753, who subscribed.

Dublin Pby have Ordained Mr Wm Wight at Caple Street, Augt 9, 1753. They report that Mr McMaster dyed Febr 27, 1754. *He subscribed.

The Members of the Genl Synod's fixed Committee are as follow, viz:

For Monaghan Pby, Messrs Ambrose & Hutchison.

For Coothill. No return.

For Tyrone, Messrs Jon Kennedy & Gibson.

For Letterkenny, Messrs Allexr & Callender.

For Derry, Messrs Ferguson & Harvey.

For Bangor, Messrs Huey & Laird.

For Killeleagh, Messrs McCombe & Michl Henry.

For Armagh, Messrs Ferguson & Geo. Henry.

For Drummore, Messrs White & Sims.

For T.Patk, Messrs Thos Brown & McConnel.

For B.mena, Messrs McCurdie & Brown.

For Strabane, Messrs Young & Scott.

For Rout, Messrs Smylie & Logue.

For Dublin. No return.

These with our Modr & Clk are to meet at Maghrefelt when called by the Modr on any Emergent. 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12, at least, to be Ministers.

Delegation

The Pbyes have come to no resolution concerning a Synod by Delegation. It is recommended to them that they come prepared to next Synod, [that] this affair may be issued.

Fund

Ordered that the Committee of the Fund, meet immediately, & make enquiry into the state of it: & that the several ministers on it, attend sd Committee, that this affair may be set on a proper foot.

Next Synod

Next Synod to be at Antrim the last Tuesday of June 1755. Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon.

Mr Ereskine

Mr Ereskine being enquired whither he had attended the Pby of Rout since last Synod: saith that he attended it once, but that he was very much confined since that time: but that he resolves to attend it

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* Evidently Mr. Wight.

for the future. The Synod appoints a Pby to receive him as a member: & that s^d Pby with Messrs Higinbothom & McCurdie as Correspondents hold a visitation at Drumacose, as soon as may be convenient.

Messrs McKye & Smith are ordered to preach at Newbless as often as conveniently they can, especially in the dead of Winter.

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Interloq^r at 4. Committees immediately. Concluded with prayer.

5 Afternoon &c.

A Petition was presented to the Synod by Wm Rogers a member of Carnmony Congregation wherein he complains that Mr Thomson refused to baptise a child to him because he had been marryed by a Clergyman of the established Church. The Synod appointed the following B^n. & an Elder with each to meet as a Committee at Carnmony Meeting-house the last Tuesday of July next, & issue that affair; five at least to be a Quorum. The B^n. are Messrs Ja^s Huey, Gilb^t Kennedy, Malcolm, Moorhead, Cuningham, Ja^s Cochran, Laird, & Jo^n Brown. Mr Huey to preach. Which affair occasioned the Interloq^r to draw up the following Minute, w^c was read in the Synod and approved. Namely,

A Complaint having been made against a member of this Synod for requiring one of his hearers to submitt to censure on account of his being marryed by the Form prescribed by Law; & this complaint coming in so irregularly, that the matter could not be issued at present, the Interloq^r of the Synod examined that Gentleman and one other who had been reported to act in the like manner, and received full assurance from both that they never brought any of their hearers to censure merely for being marryed according to Law, unless there was something in their conduct besides, which in their opinion was justly censurable. The Interloq^r appeared unanimously satisfyed with this declaration: & as on the one hand, they are truely thankfull for that legal Indulgence given to such Dissenters as scruple being marryed by the established Form; so on the other hand they do disapprove of any of their members bringing such to censure, who had no scruple at the established Form, for being managed according to Law, provided that there was nothing else in their behaviour justly scandalous. In the meantime, the Synod does not hereby design to approve of all the particulars in the established Form of Marriage, but are of opinion that it is imprudent and unreasonable to censure persons on account of a difference of sentiment respecting them.

A Supplication from Hollywood was presented to this Synod by Jo^n Galstone & Hu: McKye requesting that a share of the Synod's Fund be allowed to them, that they may be enabled to have a Minister settled among them. It was enquired at the Committee of the Fund. what were the former Localities fixed on that Congregation: & it appearing to be £7 5 0. The Synod after considering the whole affair, refer it to the Pby of Bangor to act in that particular case so their prudence shall direct them: & especially that they recommend it, in the warmest manner, to their Congregations that they enlarge their contributions to Hollywood. Hollywood

Rye

A Supplication from Rye was presented to this Synod by Jos. Brown, wherein the weak state of that Congregation is set forth, & their earnest desire for assistance to enable them to maintain their Minister. The Sub Synod of B.mena, & ye Pbyes of Derry & Strabane are enjoined to use their diligence, by adding to their former Contributions, or otherwise do what they can for the assistance of Rye. Adjourned to 11 to morrow morning Com: at 8. Interloq^r at 9.

Concluded w^t prayer.

Sess. 4

Thursday 11, *forenoon &c.*

Ushers Quay

A Letter from M^r McBeath was read in the Synod, representing it at the Request of the Consistory & Congregation of Ushers Quay, that this Synod would order the Pbyes to send them such supplyes as they shall from time to time, write for till next Synod, w^c was granted.

Bellfast

A Supplication to the same purpose from the 3^d Congregation in Bellfast, was likewise granted.

Killinshy

From Killinshy appeared Messrs Jo^n Stewart &c., supplicating that the following Gentlemen may be appointed to supply them in the following order, viz., Mr Campble for the month of July next; Mr Thos Brown for Sept^r: Mr Wright for Oct^r; Mr Jo^n Smith for Nov^r; Mr Robt White for Dec^r; Mr Ja^s Hamilton for Jan^r, Mr Thos Reid for Feb^ry; Mr Mulligan for March; Mr Marshal for Ap^r. and Mr Kinkead for May, w^c was granted.

Dunnegore

Mr Thos Brown supplicates in behalf of Dunnegore, that Mr Brown of B.mena be appointed to supply that Congregation for the month of July next, and Mr Brown of Romoan for Augt. Which was granted.

Coagh

From Coagh appeared Jo^n McCreight &c, supplicating that Mr Jo^n Cameron may be appointed to supply them for the month of July next, and M^r Jo^n McCleland for Augt. W^c was granted. Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Interloq^r at 4.

Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 5

5 *Afternoon &c.*

Dunluce

From Dunluce appeared Messrs Hu. Boyland &c., supplicating that they of that part of the ancient Congregation of Billy and Dunluce may be allowed supplyes. Mr Logue was heard, as were also the Commiss^rs. And being removed, the Synod after some reasoning, came to this Resolution, namely, that the Pby of Rout with the following Correspondents, viz: Messrs Higinbothom, Ja^s White sen^r, McCurdie, & Jo^n Brown, meet at Bushmills the 15 of Augt next & issue that affair.

N. York & N. Jersey

A Petition was presented to this Synod by the Rev^d. Mr Gilb^t Tennant in the name of the Synod of N. York, & the Trustees of the infant Colledge of N. Jersey, & many of the Inhabitants of the neighbouring Provinces, representing that as they had laid a foundation for a Colledge & Seminary of Learning, w^c they apprehend, may be of important service

to the Interests of Religion & Learning: & as they are not able to carry this design to such perfection as is necessary to answer the exigencys of Church & State in those parts of His Majesties Dominions: they therefore humbly supplicate for such assistance as this Synrd shall think proper, particularly one Sab. days Collection in the several Congregations subject to this Synod wt previous intimation for sd Collection. The Synod Judging the abovesd Seminary to be of great importance to the promotion of the Interests of Religion & Learning in several Provinces of N. America, unanimously granted the Petition: & ordered that public Collections be made in all the Congregations under their care, some time before the first of Novr next, in ye mean time recommending it to all the Ministers of this Synod, ta excite by proper exhortations their several Societies to this important Charity. And in particular the Synod appoints that the mony that shall be collected in the Pby of Monaghan be lodged with Mr Ambrose; Coothill wt Mr Smith; Tyrone wt Mr Jon Kennedy; Letterkenny wt Mr Marshal; Derry with Mr Harvey; Bangor wt Mr Laird; Killeleagh with Mr Dunn; Armagh with Mr Moodie: Drummore wt Mr King; T.Patk with Mr Rogers; B.mena wt Mr Brown; Strabane wt Mr Ferguson; Rout wt Mr Simson, and Dublin wt Mr McCollum. And that the Collections in the Sub Synod af Derry be remitted to Mr Harvey. Those in the Sub Synod of Bellfast & B.mena to Mr Laird. And those in the Sub Synod of Armagh to Mr Moodie, in order to be transmitted to Mr Denis De Bert, Merct in Artillery Court, London. Adjourned to 7 to morrow morning.

Concluded with prayer.

Fryday 7 in the morning &c. Sess. 6

The Absents from this Synod are generally excused.

The Committee of the Fund now make report, & observe that a considerable arrear is due to Balinderry. The Synod appoints that the former Localities to that Congregation, be continued to them, & that sd mony be paid as soon as possible. The Synod earnestly recommends it to the several Pbyes, that they take care the Congregations in their respective bounds, pay up what arrear may be due by them. Fund

Carmony is ordered to pay their Fund, to Moy-water, instead of Donoghmore.

It is ordered that each Pby take care to keep a Record of the payments to the Fund, by each Congregation in their respective bounds, & report to the Synod every year.

This Synod earnestly recommends it to the Pbyes of Letterkenny & Monaghan that they take care to encourage Sligo in their settlement by paying their former Localities to that Congregation, as also that what others, in their bounds, not already appropriated may be given to Sligo. Sligo

Drummore & Drumaragh

An Appeal from Drummore Pby relating to the boundaries between Drummore & Drumaragh Congregations is refered to the following B^{n}, viz, Messrs Strong, W^{m}son, Malcolm, Buchannan, Rowan, Menogh, Moodie & Cherrie, & an Elder with each of them, who are to meet at Drummore the last day of July next; & issue that affair. 5 Ministers & 3 Elders to be a Quorum.

Mr Law

A Supplication was presented to this Synod by Mr Robt Law wherein he complains that he had been laid under some difficulties by the Pby of Letterkenny, & prays that this Synod would relieve him. A Committee of the following B^{n} with an Elder with each, namely, Messrs Harvey, Hood, Vict^{r} Ferguson, Thos Bond, Wm Armstrong, Hare, Ja^{s} Smith, Young, Robt Huey, & Haslet, are appointed to meet at Raphoe on Wednesday 7th of Augt next, & issue that affair. The Pby of Letterkenny is appointed to attend s^{d} Committee, & give what light they can in the affair. Messrs Vict^{r} Ferguson & Thos Bond are appointed to signify this to s^{d} Committee.

Wm Calderwood a reduced Gentleman is recommended to the several sessions subject to the Sub Synod of Bellfast.

The Mod^{r} concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq^{r} 1. The Pby of Antrim present.

Minrs Widows

A Letter from the Trustees of the Widows Fund was read in the Interloq^{r} whereby it appears that they have now in hand £2121 8 0½ besides sent to them from this Synod by M^{r} McCollum the following Collections.

From Mr Crawford, Crumlin	£1	14	1½
From Mr Douglass, Derrikeghan	3	8	3
From Mr Cochran, Dunbo	1	0	0
From Mr Cochran, Bangor	3	0	0

Mr Cuningham of Cumber not having collected any thing for this Fund the Interloq^{r} appoints that such Collection be made there, & that the Pby of Bangor take care that this be done: particularly it is ordered that Mr Malcolm preach at Comber the Sab. before s^{d} Collection, & advertise it and Mr Laird the day of the Collection. Mr Cuningham to preach for these B^{n}.

Circular Letter

Messrs Moodie & Maxwel not having wrote the circular letter to be read in the Congregations, recommending liberal Contributions to this Fund, the Interloq^{r} appoints the following B^{n}, viz., Messrs Colvill, Nivin, Maclaine, Gilb^{t} Kennedy, Higinbothom & Maxwel to draw up such an one. Which was done & ordered to be printed.

There being a vacancy in the Trust for this Fund, by the death of M^{r} McMaster, the Trustees propose & recommend Richd Barry of Ushers Quay, Esqre to fill up that vacancy: & it was unanimously agreed to by the Interloq^{r}.

Messrs Thos. & Clot. Brown are appointed to draw up a letter to the Trustees.

Interloq^{r}. 2^{d}.

The two Messrs Brown now brought in the draught of a letter to the Trustees of the Widows Fund, which was read, & approved, & subscribed by the Mod^{r}.

The Trustees represent that a Bequest by M^{r} McKedy, late of B.mena has not come to their hand. The Interloq^{r} appoints Messrs Ja^{s} White sen^{r}, Jo^{n} Brown & Gilb^{t} Kennedy to use their influence in order to the obtaining s^{d} Bequest.

Our Clk is ordered to write to the Treasurer, that he either attend personally, or send yearly, a stated account of the distributions of R.D. to the Genl Synod & Pby of Antrim, & of the expences attending it.

M^{r} McCollum is appointed to search, or enquire among M^{r} McMasters papers or otherwise for the original Grant of the R.D. & if possible procure a copy of it.

He is also appointed to enquire concerning M^{r} McMasters Donation of £7 0 0 ℔ an: to 7 widows, of w^{c} there has been no account either last Synod or this.

Interloq^{r}. 3^{d}.

Some B^{n}. having found fault with the Sermon preached by the late Mod^{r}. at the opening of this Synod: Mr Maxwell alledgeth that the complaint should have been first made to himself, when he might have satisfyed them: or that they now put it into distinct propositions, that he may have an opportunity to answer for himself. A motion was made & agreed to, that the Committee of Overtures draw up one on this affair. Which Com: after some time returned, & gave in the following Resolutions: w^{c} were read and are as follow, namely: Sermon complained of

The Committee having heard the conference w^{c} Mr Maxwel had w^{t} the members of the Synod who had taken offence at some expressions of the aboves^{d} Sermon, came to the following resolutions.

Res. 1. That Mr Maxwel has discovered a truely christian temper in the pains he took to remove the offence taken, by reading ye parte of the Discourse which occasioned it, & also conversing very freely w^{t} the B^{n}. offended, who also shewed the same disposition.

Res. 2. That he has not in s^{d} Sermon, contradicted any of the Christian Doctrines contained in our Confession of Faith.

Res. 3. That Mr Maxwel, in our Judgment said what was sufficient to remove the grounds of offence taken at s^{d} Sermon.

Res. 4. That it is our opinion, that if any member take offence at any expressions contained in Synodical Sermons, or other Discourses delivered by Ministers on other occasions, they are according to a plain precept of the Gospel, to converse with the Preacher, in a private manner, in the first place, in order to the removeal of s^{d} offence, or offences so taken. These Resolutions were unanimously approved by the Committee: & the diligence of the Committee was approved by the Interloq^{r}: and the Resolutions ordered to be entered into our Record: & that the last be carefully observed by all the Members of this Synod.

The offended B^{n}, viz., Messrs Jo^{n} Holmes, King & Semple said they were not fully satisfyed.

Inserted by

JO^{N}. COCHRAN, Clk, S.G.

July 25.
1754.

A General Synod at Antrim June 24, 1755.

Mr Jon Menogh Modr. of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Jude v. 3. And then constituted it by prayer. After prayer were present from.

Minrs.	Elders.
Coothill Pby.	
Wm. Smith	
Tyrone Pby.	
Jon. Kennedy	
Jon. Gilson	
Adam Duffine	
Jas. Todd	
Jon. White	Mr. Jas. Templeton
Jas. Hull	
Wm. Kennedy	Fergus Neal
Wm. M'Neilly	Mr. Jon. Graham
Letterkenny Pby.	
Wm. Boyd	Mr. Jon. Smith
Jon. Holmes	Mr. Jas. Smith
Wm. Wilson	Mr. Jas. Calderwood
Jo. Marshall Modr	
Jas. Turretine	
Thos. Vance	Mr. Wm. Floyd
Wm. Callinder	
Andr. Allexr.	
Hu. Delap	Mr. Jon. Orr
Derry Pby.	
Andr. Ferguson	Mr. Thos. Anderson
Jon. Hood	
Jon. Haslet	Mr. Jas. Liggat
Saml. Patten	
Armagh Pby.	
Jon. Menogh	Mr. Robt. Stewart
Drummore Pby.	
Tim. White	Walter Crawford
Jon. King	Jon. Lawrie
Jon. Semple	Mr. Robt. Semple
Saml. Sims	Jas. Henry
Jon. Mulligan	
Allexr. Neilson	Wm. Paxton
Wm. Henry	Jas. M'Adam

Minrs.	Elders.
Bangor Pby.	
Jon. Cochran	
Andr. Malcolm	Wm. Swan
Jon. Moorhead	
Hu. Dickson	Mr. Jon. Warnick
Saml Allexr	
Jas. Huey	Wm. M'Bride
Wm. Laird	Mr. Jon. Brown
Patk. Buchannan	Jon. Henan
Richd. Walker	Jas. Boyd
Jos. Mitchel	
Wm. Rowan	Wm. Brown
Jas. Hamilton	
Jon. King	Hu. M'Kye
Killeleagh Pby.	
Thos. Scott	
Gilbt. Kennedy	
Allexr. M'Combe	
Jas. Armstrong	
Jon. Strong	Jon. Cleland
Wm. Dunn	Saml. Davison
Robt. Smith	Mr. Jon. M'Mahon
Jon. Wmson	
Thos. Reid	
B.mena Pby.	
Jas. White, senr.	Jas. Brown
Jon. Hill	Thos. Patterson
Jas. M'Creight	Jas. Harbison
Jon. Brown	Jas. Young
Jas. Cochran	Robt. Malcolm
Jas. White, junr	Jas. Walker
Jon. Rainkin	Saml. Kinlay
Jas. Ker	Jon. Rogers
Strabane Pby.	
Hu. Young	
Rout Pby.	
Gidn. Neilson	Jas. Killpatrick
Robt. Henry	Geo. Knowles
Hen. Ereskine	Jas. Murrial
Wm. Cochran	Jon. Walker
Robt. Ewing	
Jon. Simson	Mr. Hu. Lile
Jon. Cameron	Hu. Boyland

T. Patk Pby.		Dublin Pby.
Jas. Cobham	Jas. Fairies	Wm. Wight
Wm. Livingstone		
Wm. Thomson	Mr. Jas. Egleson	Monaghan Pby.
Thos. Crawford	Patk. Hanna	
Jon. Thomson	Mr. Andr. Smith	Wm. Ambrose
Wm. Henderson		
Jon. M'Connel	Mr. Jas. Cuningham	
Wm. Rogers	Saml. M'Michael	
Jon. Wight	Mr. Geo. Shaw	

Modr. Mr Menogh proposed that another be chosen to Moderate in this Synod. The following B^n. were named as a leet, viz., Messrs Ambrose, Jo^n Holmes, Marshal, Dickson, Allex^r. Semple, Ja^s Cochran, Rainkin, Gid^n Neilson, And^r Ferguson, McCombe, Dunn, Wight, Jo^n White & Hood. The Roll was called, & Mr Jo^n Marshal was chosen. And Jo^n Clk. Cochran was continued Clk.

Ordered that the several Pbyes meet this evening, & propose Lists to be given to the Clk of the Synod, to morrow morning, of their Members for the respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, and Synods Fixed Committee. As also an account of such Miñrs as have dyed, been Ordained, Licensed, or entered on tryals since last Synod.

Ordered that all the Members of this Synod meet at 7 to morrow morning for prayer, & continue therein till 9. When open Synod shall begin.

Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 2^d. *Wednesday. Nine in the morning. Post preces Sed^t qui supra.*

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The Pbyes now gave in lists for the Committees, as also the following accounts, namely:

The Pby of Coothill have Licensed Mr Robt Edgar, who subscribed. And have entered Mr Wm Warnick on first tryals.

Dead Tyrone Pby report that Mr Ja^s Orr dyed Ap^r. 10, 1755.

Letterkenny Pby have Licensed Messrs Ja^s Calderwood & Isaac Patrick. Who both subscribed.

Derry Pby have Licensed Mr Jo^n Law, who subscribed: & have entered Mr Wm Burk on first tryals.

Ordained &c. Bangor Pby have Ordained Mr Ja^s Hamilton at Dundonald Octr. 15, 1754. And Mr Jo^n King at Hollywood Decr 3, 1754. They both subscribed.

Killeleagh Pby have entered Mr Ja^s Dunbar on first tryals.

Drummore Pby have Licensed Mr Saml Feguson, who subscribed.

T.Patk Pby have Ordained Mr Jon Wight at Dunnegore in Apr 1755. And Licensed Mr Robt White. They both subscribed. They report that Mr Thos Brown dyed Novr 17, 1754.

B.mena Pby have Licensed Messrs Alexr. McMullan & David Fullerton: who both subscribed.

Strabane Pby have Ordained Mr Robt Neilson at Omagh in July 1754. Who subscribed.

Rout Pby have Ordained Mr Jon Cameron at Dunluce June ye 3d, 1755. And have Licensed Messrs Robt Scott & Jas Whiteside who both subscribed. And have entered Messrs Thos Lusk & Jos. Litle on first tryals.

Dublin Pby report that Mr Wm McBeath dyed but the time not mentioned.

Monaghan Pby have entered Mr Harper on first tryals.

The Members of the Synod's Fixed Committee are as follow, namely: Synod's Comm.

For Tyrone Pby. Messrs Wallace & Caldwell, wt an Elder.

For Letterkenny, Messrs Gordon & Benjn. Holmes, with an Elder.

For Derry, Messrs Ferguson & Harvey, wt an Elder.

For Bangor, Messrs Huey & Laird, wt an Elder.

For Killeleagh, Messrs McCombe & Michl Henry, wt an Elder.

For Armagh, Messrs Ferguson & Geo. Henry, wt an Elder.

For Drummore, Messrs Semple & Sims, with an Elder.

For T.Patk, Messrs Rogers & Wight, with an Elder.

For B.mena, Messrs Brown & Rainkin, with an Elder.

For Strabane, Messrs Young & Scott, with an Elder.

For Rout, Messrs Smylie & Logue, with an Elder.

For Dublin. No return.

For Monaghan, Messrs Ambrose & Hutchison, and an Elder.

For Coothill. No return.

These with our Modr & Clk are to meet a Maghrefelt, when called by the Modr on any Emergent. 15 to be a Quorum, where of 12 at least to be Miñrs.

The holding a Synod by delegation, is refer'd to be considered by the Pbyes, till next Synod.

Next Synod to be at Antrim the last Tuesday of June 1756. Sermon to begin at 5 o' the clock afternoon. Next Synod.

Wm Rogers

The Committee met at Carnmony, & the Minutes of it were read in the Synod, & the conduct of the Committee approved: and for as much as the Committee observes that Wm. Rogers did not prove the charge he had exhibited against Mr Thomson, the Synod looks on sd Rogers to be censurable, & accordingly he was admonished by the Modr.

Rye

It does not appear that any thing has been done for Rye by the Synod of B.mena, or the Pbyes of Derry or Strabane. The appointmt is renewed, that at their next meeting they make some assistance to that Congregation, & remitt it to the Pby of Letterkenny.

N. Jersey

There has been very little done by the Pbyes in the affair of the Charity to the Colledge in N.Jersey, as appointed at last Synod. This Synod renews the recommendation, & enjoins the several Miñrs to represent it in the warmest manner to their Congregations: & to pay their Collections to the Gentlemen formerlie appointed, before the first of Novr next.

Absts. excused.

Absent from this Synod and excused are, Messrs Andr Dean, Jas Hamilton, Jon Algeo, Jas Clark, Hu. Wallace, Saml Delap, Dav. Fairlie, Robt Wirling, Andr Hamilton, Jos. Kinkead, Thos Strawbgidge, Thos Bond, Wm Hare, Jon Cochran, Fr. Montgomry, Andr Kennedy, Wm Warnick, Andr Kennedy, Saml Forgie, Jas Johnston, Geo. Cherrie, Jon Maxwel, Jas Moodie, Robt Gordon, Jas Allen, Wm Thomson, Saml Thomson, Allexr Brown, Robt Higinbothom, Robt McBride, Jon Thomson, Saml Buys, Wm Patten, Ch. McCollum, Patk. Plunkett, Dav. Hutchison, & Thos Boyle.

Not excused

Absent from this Synod, & no excuse from are, Messrs Jas Bond, Allexr McKye, Ch. Caldwell, Jon McGaughie, Jas Gordon, Benj. Holmes, Dav. Harvey, Jon Lile, Dav. Walker, Jos Reagh, Robt Huey, Robt Cuningham, Jas McKean, Michael Henry, Henry Jackson, Jon Lewson, Robt Lees, Victr Ferguson, Jas Smith, Andr Welsh, Wm Armstrong, Jos Osborne, Hu. McCrackan, Jos Scott, Robt Neilson, Dav. Smylie, Robt Brown, Jon Logue, Hu. Gaston, Jon Smith, Jos. Duglass, Ebenr Killburn, Geo. Carson, Hu. Mulligan, Wm Fleming, Thos Plunket, Jas Jackson, & Wm Moorhead.

Sligoe

The recommendation in favour of Sligoe, is renewed to the Pbyes of Letterkenny & Monaghan.

Mr Hen. Ereskine promiseth to pay yearly to Sligoe, one guinea at least.

Clogher is appointed to pay their Fund to Moywater.

The Fund to be continued to Loghgall as formerlie.

Mr Robt Law

The Committee in the afiair of Mr Robt Law, did meet, & the minutes of it being read, after some reasoning, the question was putt, viz, approve the conduct of the Committee, or not? The Roll was called, and it was carryed in the affirmative by a great majority. Messrs Jon Thomson, King, & Allexr Neilson, dissented. Adjourned to 6 afternoon. Committees at 4. Interloqr at 5.

Concluded with prayer.

Hora 6ta post meridiem &c. Sess. 3d

Messrs Boyd & Ambrose are appointed to write to the Trustees of Mr Maxwel's Fund, in favour of Sligoe. Which was done.

Messrs Adam McCutcheon & Saml Railstone Commissrs from B.mony, presented a Supplication to this Synod, desiring the following supplyes, namely, Mr McCleland from the Pby of Tyrone, for the month of July; Mr Jon Smith from Letterkenny, for Augt; Mr Dav. Fullerton from B.mena, for Septr & Mr Hu. Nisbit for Octr. And farther that this Synod would appoint them such other Supplyes, as they shall think fitt, till next Synod. The Synod grants the above mentioned Supplyers, and appoints the Pbyes to send them such other monthly Supplyers, as the shall from time to time, write for till next Synod. B.mony

The Committee met at Drummore, as appointed last year, the minutes of it were read, & the conduct of it approved by the Synod.

Mr Jon Stewart a member of the Session of the 3d Congregation in Belfast, presented an Appeal to this Synod, against the proceedings of the Pby of Bangor towards him. The appeal was read, & the Reasons for it, as also the Pbyes answers to sd Reasons were read. A dispute arising between the Pby & Mr Stewart concerning a Promise alledged to have been made by Mr Stewart to resign his office after some short time: the Pby affirming & he denying it. The Pbyes minutes at their desire, were read: by which it appears he had made such a promise: the Pby also proved the same by two Witnesses, namely, Messrs Saml Kennedy & Jon Galston, who both solemnly declared that they heard him speak to the same purpose. The Synod after some reasoning, agreed to refer it to the Committee of Overtures to form some Resolutions on the affair, & bring them into the Synod at next sedt. Adjourned to 11 to morrow morning. Com. at 8. Interloqt at ten. Mr Stewart's appeal

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday. Eleven in the forenoon &c. Sess 4.

The Committee of Overtures having considered Mr Stewart's Appeal now brought in the following Resolutions upon it, viz:

Res. 1. That it does not appear to this Committee, that the Pby of Bangor have been guilty of male-conduct in this affair.

Res. 2. We recommend it to Mr Stewart, that for the sake of peace he wave his Priviledge, for the future of sitting in the Session of the 3d Congregation in Belfast.

Res. 3. In case Mr Stewart does desire to be disannexed from sd Congregation, we allow the Minr & Session to give him a Dismiss: there having nothing appeared to us, with respect to his moral Character to disqualify him for being received into Communion in any Christian Society. The above Resolutions were read, & unanimously approved.

Marriage

An Overture from the Committee of Overtures, was laid before this Synod, namely, that if any of the Miñrs belonging to this Synod, shall marry any persons, without previously publishing the Banns, such offender shall be suspended by his Pby, for one Sabath, and that the Pby shall send one of their number to supply his Congregation, & signify the reasons of it. Which was unanimously approved by ye Synod.

Mr Law

Mr Robt Law now gave in a paper desiring that as he had his License to preach restored, by the Committee at Raphoe, & approved by the Synod, he may be put under the care of some Pby. The Synod orders him to be subject to the Pby of Strabane.

The Modr. concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloqr. 1.

Cumber

Messrs Malcolm & Laird attended at Cumber, as appointed last year, but the Session were not willing to collect any thing at that time: but it appears they have since collected for the Widows Fund £2 11 2½ which was remitted to the Trustees of that Fund.

Mr Cuningham

Mr Robt Cuningham became a subscriber to sd Fund, before his Pby in Octr last, & that Pby refer'd it to this Synod whither he shall be returned as such, to the Trustees. The Interloqr considering this as a peculiar case, agreed to admit sd subscription: but in case he shall afterwards have a wife, he shall then pay up what may be due from the commencement of sd Fund, wt the Interest that shall be due upon it.

Mr Ereskine

Mr Ereskine, at his own desire, is now admitted a Subscriber to the Widows Fund, upon the terms agreed on by the Synod: & he is enjoined by the Interloqr, to recommend the affair of collecting for sd Fund, to his Congregation.

Letter from the Trustees

A Letter from the Trustees of the Widows Fund, giving an account of the state of it, was read in the Interloqr: whereby it appears that the have now in hand £2425 2 6½. They also observe that by the death of Dr Martin there is a vacancy in the Trust: to fill up wc the[y] recommend Coll: Jon Martin of Dublin. The Interloqr unanimously agrees that sd Gentleman shall be Trustee in the place of Dr Martin deceased.

Messrs Gilbt Kennedy & Maclane are appointed to bring in the draught of a letter, from this Interloqr, to the Trustees of that Fund, at next Sedt.

Interloqr. 2d.

Mr Lang sent to this Synod a stated account of the ordry & addl R.D. with which the Interloqr is satisfyed.

Patent for R.D.

Mr McCollum has been at due pains to procure the Original Patent, granted by the late Queen Anne for the R.D. of wc he has sent a Copy to this Synod: and it is the unanimous opinion of this

Interloqr that the Patent be lodged with Mr McCollum, and that the Copy, which was now read be lodged with the Clk of the Synod.

Mr McMasters donation to the seven Widows, appears now to be dropt.

The circular letter to be read in the several Congregations, exciting to a liberal Contribution to the Widows Fund, has been printed: the expence of which to be paid to Mr Laird by our Treasurer.

Upon reading the minute of last year's Interloqr wt reference to the offence taken at Mr Maxwels Sermon: whereas it is said in that minute, that Messrs Jon Holmes, King, & Semple were not fully satisfyed with the explanations then given by Mr Maxwel, they now declare that they were not at all satisfyed.

The Bn. now brought in the draught of a letter to the Trustees of the Widows Fund, which was read, & approved, & subscribed by the Modr.

Inserted by

July 24. 1755. JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

A Genl. Synod at Antrim, June 29, 1756.

Mr Jon Marshal Modr of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from 1 Cor: 2. 2. And then constituted it by prayer. After which Sedt from the

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Tyrone Pby.		Killeleagh Pby.	
Jon. Gibson		Allexr. M'Combe	
Jas. Todd		Jon. Strong	
Jas. Hull		Wm. Dunn	
Wm. M'Neilly		Robt. Smith	Mr. Jon. M'Mican
Wm. Kennedy	Fergus Neill		
Jon. M'Cleland	Jos. Brown	Armagh Pby.	
Letterkenny Pby.		Jon. Menogh	Mr. Jas. Menogh
		Jon. Maxwel	Mr. Wm. M'Kye
Wm. Wilson		Hen. Jackson	
Jon. Marshal			
Jas. Gordon			
Jas. Turretine			

Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Pby.	
Saml. Patton	
Bangor Pby.	
Jon. Cochran	Jas. Wightman
Andr. Malcolm	Hu. Smith
Saml. Allexr.	
Jas. Huey	
Wm. Laird	Jon. Kinkead
Jas. M'Kean	Mr. Dav. M'Kye
Patk. Buchannan	Jas. M'Kye
Richd Walker	
Jos. Mitchel	
Wm. Rowan	Mr. Hen. Bety
Jas. Hamilton	
Jon. King	
B.mena Pby.	
Jas. White, Senr.	Jon. Hood
Jon. Hill	Jas. Patton
Jas. M'Creight	Dav. M'Creight
Jon. Brown	Jon. Mann
Jas. Cochran	Saml. Lynd
Jas. White, Junr.	Jon Thomson
Jon. Rankin	Mr. Jon. Bruce
Jas. Ker	Jon. Rogers
Allexr. M'Mullan	Mr. Ch. Johnston
Strabane Pby.	
None present	
Rout Pby.	
Robt. Brown	
Robt. Henry	Neil Campble
Wm. Cochran	
Jon. Smith	
Jon. Simson	

Minrs.	Elders.
Drummore Pby.	
Jon. King	Jon. M'Cay
Jon. Semple	W. M'Cormick
Saml. Sims	Mr. Ch. Orr
Allexr. Neilson	Jon. Bigham
Wm. Henry	Jon. M'Nae
T.Patk Pby.	
Wm. Thomson	Wm. Houston
Thos. Crawford	Archd. Hunter
Wm. Henderson	
Wm. Rogers	Andr. Loramore
Jon. Wight	Mr. Robt. Gamble
Robt. White	Mr. Saml. Birnie
Dav. Fullerton	Jas. Boyle
Dublin Pby.	
Ch. M'Collum	
Monaghan Pby.	
Wm. Ambrose	
Dav. Hutchison	
Coothill Pby.	
None present	
Mr. Jon. Thomson	Jon. M'Mahon

Modr. Mr Marshal Modr of the former Synod moved that another be chosen to moderate in this. The following Bn. were named for a leet, viz, Messrs Ambrose, Hutchison, Turretine, Todd, Walker, McCombe, Dunn, Hen: Jackson, Crawford, McCreight, Rankin, Robt Henry, & McCollum. The Roll was called & Mr Ambrose was chosen. And

Clk. Jon Cochran was continued Clk.

Ordered that the several Pbyes meet this night & prepare lists to be given to the Clk of the Synod to morrow morning of their members for the respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund & Synods fixed Committee, as also an account of such Minrs as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, licensed or entered on tryals since last Synod.

Ordered that all the Members of this Synod meet at seven to morrow morning for prayer, & continue therein till nine, when open Synod shall begin. Concluded with prayer.

Die Mercurij. Hora nona Mane &c. Sess. 2da

The time appointed for prayer was observed. And the Pbyes now gave in Lists for the Committees, as also the following Accounts namely:

The Pby of Tyrone have ordained Mr Jon McCleland at Coagh Septr ye 9th 1755. Who subscribed. Ordained

The Pby of Letterkenny have ordained Mr Hu: Nisbit at Sligoe May ye 5, 1756, who subscribed. They report that Mr Vance was removed from Rathmelton to Ushers Quay, & Mr Kinkead from Stranorlar to Killinshy since last Synod.

The Pby of Bangor have entered Mr Dav: McKye on first tryals.

The Pby of Killeleagh have licensed Mr Jas Dunbar who subscribed.

Drummore Pby report that Mr Tim: White dyed June yo 5, 1756, & that they have entered Mr Jas Kinnier on first tryals. Dead

The Pby of T.Patk have ordained Mr Robt White at T.Patk Augt 24, 1755. Mr Thos Reid at Glenarm in March 1756, & Mr Dav: Fullerton at Carrickfergus, March ye 11, 1756. Who all subscribed.

B.mena Pby have Ordained Mr Allexr McMullan at Braid Janry 13, 1756: & licensed Mr Robt Killpatrick. They both subscribed. Licensed,

Rout Pby have licensed Mr Joseph Litle, who subscribed.

Coothill Pby report that Mr Jas Clark dyed in Novr 1756.

The Members of the genl Synods fixed Com: are as follow viz.

For Tyrone Pby Messrs Caldwell & Duffine wt an Elder.

For Letterkenny, Messrs Holms & Allexr with an Elder.

For Derry, Messrs Ferguson & Harvey wt an Elder.

For Bangor, Messrs Huey & Laird with an Elder.

For Killeleagh, Messrs McCombe & Dunn wt an Elder.

For Armagh, Messrs Ferguson & Geo: Henry wt an Elder.

For Drummore, Messrs Sims & Semple wt an Elder.

For T.Patk, Messrs Rogers & Wight with an Elder.

For B.mena, Messrs Brown & Rankin with an Elder.

For Strabane, Messrs Armstrong & Scott with an Elder.

For Rout, Messrs Smylie & Logue with an Elde .

For Dublin, no return.

For Monaghan, Messrs Ambrose & Hutchison w^{t} an Elder.

For Coothill, no return.

These with our Mod^{r} & Clk are to meet at Lurgan when called by the Mod^{r} on any Emergent, 15 to be a Quorom, whereof 12 at least to be Minrs.

Next Synod

Next Synod to be at Lurgan the last Tuesday of June 1757. Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon.

Rye

Very little appears to have been done for Rye: the former appointment on the Synod of B.mena, & the Pbyes of Derry & Strabane is renewed, the Synod is displeased with their negligence & enjoins them to use diligence, & that the several contributions be paid or remitted to Mr Marshal.

N.Jersey

The affair of the recommendation in favour of N.Jersey, considering the present situation of affairs in that part of the world, is put off till next Synod: and as some B^{n}. have made contributions for that purpose the Synod is well pleased with them.

Absents excused

Absent from this Synod, & excused are Messrs Hu: Wallace, Jo^{n} Kennedy, Adam Duffine, Jo^{n} Ker, Saml Delap, Willm Boyd, Dav: Fairlie, Robt Wirling, Jo^{n} Holmes, Fr: Montgomrie, Saml Forgie, Thos Scott, Ja^{s} Jackson, Ja^{s} Moodie, Robt Gordon, Ja^{s} Allen, Wm Thomson, Jo^{n} Mulligan, Ja^{s} Cobham, Allex^{r} Brown, Wm Livingstone, Robt Higginbothom, Ja^{s} McCurdie, Robt McBride, Jo^{n} Thomson, Gid^{n} Neilson, Saml Buys, Willm Patton, Eben^{r} Killburn, Wm Wight, Patk Plunkett, Ja^{s} Jackson, & And^{r}. Dean.

Not excused.

Absent & no excuse from them are, Messrs Ch. Caldwell. Jo^{n} McGauchie, Benjn Holms, Thos Vance, And^{r} Hamilton, Jos. Kinkead, Wm Callender, And^{r} Allex^{r}, Hu. Delap, Hu. Nisbit, all the Pby of Derry except Mr Patton, Robt Cuningham, Jo^{n} Moorhead, Hu. Dickson, Willm Warnick, Ja^{s} Armstrong, Mich^{l} Henry, Jo^{n} Will^{m}son, Geo. Cherrie, Geo. Ferguson, Geo, Henry, Saml Thomson, Jo^{n} McConnel, Jo^{n} Lewson, Robt Lees, Thos Reid, all Strabane Pby, Dav. Smylie, Jo^{n} Logue, Hen. Ereskine, Jo^{s} Duglass, Robt Ewing, Jo^{n} Cameron, Geo. Carson, Hu. Mulligan, Thos Boyle, Wm Fleming, Thos Plunket, Wil^{m} Moorhead, & all Coothill Pby.

Overt.

Whereas as a complaint has beem made to this Synod that some Miñrs attend none of the Judicatories of this Church, & that tho' some of them have been wrote to, several times by their Pbyes to attend their meetings, & give an account of their conduct, they have not done it. This Synod looking on this conduct as very irregular & prejudicial to the dissenting Interest, and a direct violation of their Ordination Vow, enjoins all such Miñrs to attend the next meeting of the Synod, to give an account of this their Conduct: of w^{e} if they fail, without lawfull excuse, they shall be excluded from our Body. We appoint that a Copy of this Minute shall be sent to every such delinquent by the Pby to w^{e} they are judged to belong.

Mr Kinkead

Upon enquiring for returns of such Miñrs as have been Ordained, Installed &c., it was found that Mr Jos. Kinkead his name was not

entered in the list of the Pby of Killeleagh tho' he had been translated from the Congregation of Stranorlar in the Pby of Letterkenny in July last, to Killinshy in the Pby of Killeleagh. It was moved & seconded by many, that advice should be given to the Pby of Killeleagh, how they shall conduct themselves in this affair for the future, where upon after reasoning, Mr Huey was ordered to write to the Session & Congregation of Killinshy informing them that they are enjoined by this Synod to apply the first opportunity, to the Pby of Killeleagh in order to have Mr Kinkead Installed in that Congregation, with all convenient expedition.

A Supplication from Garvagh was presented to this Synod by Hu. Young containing a complaint against Mr Wm. Callender, who having received a call to be their Pastor, brought Credentials from the Pby of Letterkenny, & was put under the care of the Pby of Rout: in consequence of which, the day of his Installment, was fixed, but sd Mr Callender did not observe the appointment, nor did give notice thereof to the Pby of Rout, who also complain of the treatment they received from him. This Synod considered the above affair, & enjoins Mr Callender to attend the first meeting of the Pby of Rout to give an account of his conduct towards them & the People of Garvagh; & upon his submitting to such Censure as they shall think proper to inflict, they are to give him Credentials to return to the Pby of Letterkenny, & be put under the Care. As the Pby of Letterkenny had received Mr Callender into their number, & allowed him to preach at Ardstra without Credentials from the Pby of Rout, this Synod is displeased with their Conduct, & do hereby enjoin them, & give notice to other Pbyes to beware of such behaviour in time to come. Mr Callender

Adjourned to 5 afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Hora 5ta post Meridiem, &c. Sess. 3tia

Very little has been done for Sligoe by the Pby of Monaghan. This Synod enjoins that Pby that at their usual stated meeting, they enquire into what deficiencies may be in their contributions to Sligoe and that they take care to have them speedily made up without hurting any other Congregations placed on sd Pby. Sligoe

The Fund mony that was due to Loghgall is ordered by this Synod to be paid to Mrs Orr, and that the Fund formerly granted to Loghgall, be given to her, for at least one year more, unless that Congregation be planted before that time. Loghgall

A Supplication from Loghbrickland was presented to this Synod by Jas Ingram desiring that such Minrs or Probationers may be allowed to supply them, as they shall from time to time, write for till next Synod. Which was granted. Loghbrickland

A Commission and Supplication from Scarva was presented to this Synod by Wm McGill &c. desiring to be supplyed as this Synod shall think fit, they declare that they have no view of making an Erection there. Another Partie from Loghbrickland appeared opposing that request. The Commissrs from both sides were heard, & the Synod Scarva

reasoned on it. After w^c^ it was moved and agreed to, that the Pbyes of Drummore Armagh & Killeleagh meet at Loghbrickland the 28th of July next, & finally determine that affair.

C.blainy

A Supplication from C.Blainy was presented to this Synod by Wm Bailie representing the low circumstances of that Congregation, & desiring that this Synod would grant them such assistance as they shall think fit. The right Honble Lord Blainie by a letter to this Synod makes the same representation & request for them. This Synod resolves that a Portion of the Ordinary R.D. shall be paid, or a summe equal to one portion to C.Blaynie at next gen^l^ Synod, provided that Congregation be planted before that time.

B.mony

A Supplication from B.mony was presented to this Synod by Messrs Jo^n^ Haltridge & Jo^n^ Thomson desiring to be supplyed in the following manner, viz. by Mr Ja^s^ Dunbar for the three last Sab's of July and first of Augt. By Mr Jo^n^ Smith for the four remaining Sab's of Augt Mr Robt Scott for Septr. Mr Jo^s^ Little for Octr. By Mr Jo^n^ Brown of B.mena for Novr. Mr Rankin for Decr and that leave may be given to call such other Supplyers subject to this Synod as they shall want, from time to time, till next Synod : w^c^ was granted. Adjourned to 10 to morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

Sess. 4

Die Jovis Hora decima &c.

Bucknae

A Supplication subscribed by a great many hands was presented to this Synod by Messrs Geo: Gordon, Fr: Moor &c. representing that as they live at a great distance from Brughshane, & that many of them are not able to attend ordinarily at that place ; they earnestly desire this Synod would erect them into a distinct Congregation. The offered several reasons enforcing their request, w^c^ were read.

From Braid appeared Captn. Jo^n^ White, Messrs Ch: Johnston &c. remonstrating against s^d^ Erection, & produced answers to the above s^d^ reasons, w^c^ were also read. Then the reasons for the Erection, and the answers were read alternately, & the Commiss^rs^ from both sides were heard at a considerable length ; and being removed, the Synod reasoned on the Affair, & enquired at several of the members of the Pby of B.mena in order to the obtaining all the light possible in the affair. And then the Question was put viz Does it appear to this Synod that there is a sufficient foundation for an Erection at Buckna, or not? The Roll was called, & it was carryed in the affirmative *nem : contra.* Then the Synod appointed these B^n^. viz. Messrs Jo^n^ Thomson, And^r^. Malcolm, Dav: Hutchison, Ja^s^ Huey & Jo^n^ Semple to go out & converse with the Parties and try if in an amicable manner they can fix the bounds.

W^c^ Com: being returned laid the following Resolutions before the Synod, namely :

Res: 1. That the Congregation of Buckna if erected shall include and consist of the Inhabitants of the towns or denominations of lands herein specifyed, namely six quarter towns in Rocavan, Kels half a town, Bellyligpatrick a town, Carnstroan a town, Ballinacard a town, Buckna a town, Tamenaghbreck a town, Killiolpagh a town, Declay a

town, Slane half a town, Killicarn half a town, Claggan half a town, Aghnawhilke half a town, Aghafaltan or flaxtoun a quarter, Langmore a quarter, Breakogh half a town, & Loghconnolly a town, & no more.

Res: 2d. That if any of the Inhabitants of Loghconnoly, on being acquainted with this Resolution, shall choose to continue Members of the Congregation of Brughshane, they are not hereby prevented, only sd towns or denominations are still to be considered as within the bounds of the Congregation of Buckna.

Res: 3d. That if any persons, at present, inhabiting or dwelling within the bounds of the Congregation of Brughshane & not within sd towns, shall choose to worship at, or contribute to the support of the Congregation of Buckna, they are not hereby prevented from so doing, only they are still to be considered as members of the Congregation of Brughshane.

These Resolutions were read in the Synod, & reasoned on, & then the Question was put viz: approve them, or not? The Roll being called, it was carryed in the affirmative *nem: contra:* Then another question was putt, namely, Erect, or not? The Roll was called, & it was carryed unanimously in the Affirmative. Buckna erected

Adjourned to 5 in the Afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Hora 5 post Meridiem &c. Sess. 5ta.

Ushers Quay to be supplyed as formerlie. Ushers Quay

A Supplication from part of the Congregation of Bellyeaston was read in this Synod, from wc it appears that there are some Divisions & Misunderstandings among that People. This Synod appoints the following Bn. namely, the Members of the Pby of T: Patk. & from Bangor Pby, Messrs Malcolm, Huey, Laird, Walker & Rowan. From Killeleagh, Messrs Kennedy & Strong. From Drummore, Messrs Semple & Neilson. And from B.mena, Messrs Hill, Brown, Cochran, Rainkin & MeMullan, who are to meet at B.Easton on Wedensday the 14th of July next, & an Elder with each; Nine to be a Quorum whereof six to be Minrs; who are to use diligence in order to issue the debates in that Congregation, Mr. Rowan to preach. The Congregation to be apprised of this our appointment by the Supplyer who is to be there next Lords Day. B.easton

Whereas it appears to this Synod, that the state of the genl Synods Fund is much confused: it is resolved that there shall be a stated Clk for the Fund, who shall be allowed a Sallary, & who shall every year lay before the Synod a clear account of what each Congregation within the bounds of this Synod pays, & how applyed. That the Collections made for the Fund, shall be paid to the Clk of sd Fund, & that the summ's allowed for the support of weak Congregations shall be paid by the Clk of sd Fund. Fund

The Modr concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq^{r}. 1

It was moved & agreed to by this Interloq^{r} that an Address be sent to the King from this Synod, & that Messrs Menogh, Maxwell, Dunn, and Nivin bring in a Draught of it to next Interloqr.

The Treasurer is appointed to pay Mr Wm Henderson in the Pby of T.Patk the arrear of Ord^{ry} R.D. due to him.

Interloq^{r}. 2^{d}.

The B^{n}. appointed to bring in a Draught of an Address to the King, now laid one before the Interloq^{r}, w^{c} was read & approved. We appoint & desire our B^{n}. in Dublin to wait in a Body on the Lords Justices with this our Address, humbly to request them to transmitt it to our Ld Levtenant, to be by him presented to his Majestie. The Address is as followeth.

TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTIE:

Address to the King

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE PROTESTANT DISSENTING MINRS OF THE NORTH OF IRELAND IN BEHALF OF THEMSELVES & ALL OTHERS OF THEIR DENOMINATION THROUGHOUT THE KINGDOM.

May it please your Majestie,

We your Majesty's most dutifull & Loyal subjects, the Protestant Dissenting Minrs of the North of Ireland, now met in our Annual Assembly, in the present critical juncture of publick affairs, take this first opportunity of concurring with other Bodys of your Majesty's faithfull subjects, in expressing our most sincere sentiments of loyalty & affection to the best of Kings: who hath on all occasions shewn himself the tender Father of his People, & the faithfull Guardian of their civil & religious rights & libertys.

Deeply sensible of the manifold and unspeakable Blessings which have accrued to these nations in general from the accession of the illustrious house of Hanover to the British throne, & filled with the most lively sentiments of gratitude in particular, for that liberty & quiet & other marks of your royal favour which we have enjoyed under your Majestys benign administration, we beg leave in our names, & in behalf of all our B^{n}. in this Kingdom, to give your Majestie the strongest & most solemn assurance of our incorruptable fidelity to your Majesty's person & Government, & inviolable Attachment to the Protestant Succession in your royal house, as being under God, the great Bullwark & Support of civil & religious libertie.

As your Majesty's dissenting subjects of our Denomination in Ulster and every other part of this Kingdom have upon all occasions, & particularly in the late most detestable & unnatural Rebellion, shown a most becoming zeal to concurr in every measure that was judged necessary for your Majesty's honour, the preservation of the Succession in your royal house, & the security of our most happy Constitution: we beg your Majesty may rest assured of your continuing to reign in

our hearts, & in the hearts of our People: & that an invariable attachment to your royal person and Government springs from, & is inseparably connected with the principles which we profess & inculcate. And we can truely say that of above one hundred thousand fit to bear Arms, we know not a man who is not determined, at the expense of his life & fortune to defend & support your Majesty's person and Government against all enemys foreign and domestick, & this wc hath been our indisputable character, we hope ever to maintain.

It is our unfeigned & dayly prayer that Allmighty God may preserve your royal person, bless you with health and long life; give success to your arms in defence of the just possessions of your subjects & in support of the invaluable rights and Liberties of your Dominions: make you an eminent Instrument in defeating the ambitions & unjust designs of your restless enemy's: & at the end of a glorious Reign on Earth, that your faithfull services for the good of mankind may be recompensed with a crown eternal and incorruptible.

Subscribed in the name of the Synod, by the Modr.

Interloqr. 3d.

A Letter from the Trustees of the Widows Fund, was now read in the Interloqr by which it appears that they have in hand £3377 0 2. Trustees of Widows Fund

It hath been observed in this Interloqr. that the Remittances made by some Bn. are not specifyed in the Returns made by our Treasurer. Upon which it was agreed, that each Pby give an exact account at our next genl Synod, of the particular Collections received from their Congregations. & paid into the Treasurers hand, that a Committee of the Synod may compare sd Remittances with the Returns made by our Treasurer.

Messrs Maxwell & Gilbt Kennedy think that something may be done by Mr Maxwels Fund, for the assistance of Sligoe, now that it is planted. Sligoe

Messrs Gilbt Kennedy & Niven are appointed to write to the Trustees of the Widows Fund. Which was done.

Inserted by
JON. COCHRAN, Clk. S.G.

Septr. 1.
1756.

A General Synod at Lurgan, June ye 28th, 1757.

Mr William Ambrose Mod^r of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Gal: 4. 18. and then constituted it by prayer. After which were present from the several Pbyes as follow, viz., from the,

Minrs.	Elders.
Letterkenny Pby.	
Jas. Turretine	
Derry Pby. none	
Bangor Pby.	
John Cochran	Mr. Jas. Cochran
Robt. Cuningham	
Andr. Malcolm	
John Moorhead	
Hugh Dickson	
Saml. Allexander	
Wm. Laird	Mr. Jas. Simon
Patk. Buchannon	Mr Robt. Nicol
Richd. Walker	
Joseph Mitchel	Ant: M'Caa
Wm. Rowan	Mr. Hen. Beaty
Jas. Hamilton	
Killyleagh Pby.	
Allexr. M'Combe	
Jas. Armstrong	
John Strong	
Wm. Dunn	
Jos. Kinkead	Mr. Robt. Logan
Robt. Smith	
John Wm.son	John Conn
Armagh Pby.	
Jon. Menogh	Mr. Jas. Menogh
Geo. Cherrie	
Jon. Maxwell	Robt. M'Neilly
Henry Jackson	Mr.Robt.Cummine
Dromore Pby.	
Jas. Allen	
John King	Andr. Burgess
John Thomson	Mr. Thos. Hughes
John Semple	Mr. John Carson
Saml. Sims	John Bradford
Allexr. Neilson	Mr. ——Kelso
Wm. Henry	Archd. Pettigrew

Minrs.	Elders.
T.Patk Pby.	
Wm. Rogers	
John Wright	
Robt. White	Saml. Birnie
David Fullerton	Mr. Dav. Lynd
B.mena Pby.	
Jas. Cochran	Mr.Robt.Kirkpatk
Jas. White	
John Rainkin	Mr. Wm. Curry
Allexr. M'Mullen	John Hood
Strabane Pby. none	
Rout Pby. none	
Dublin Pby.	
Wm. Wight	
Monaghan Pby.	
Wm. Ambrose	John Caldwell
Geo. Carson	Mr. Thos. Fairies
David Hutchison	Mr. Eph. Harper
Hu. Mulligan	
Thos. Plunkett	
Jas. Jackson	Arch. Brown
Wm. Moorhead	Mr. Jos. Coulter
Coothill Pby.	
Wm. Smith	
John Warnick	Mr. Wm. Baillie
Tyrone Pby.	
John Kennedy	Wm. Herdman
John Gibson	
Adam Duffine	Jas. Killworth
Jas. Todd	Mr. Dav. Tomb
John White	
Jas. Hull	Mr. Jas. Henry
Wm. Kennedy	Danl. M'Keivor
John M'Cleland	

It was moved by Mr Ambrose that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following Brethren were named for a leet viz: Messrs Cherrie, Todd, Turretine, Walker, McCombe, Dunn, King, Semple, Rainkin, Wm Wight, Carson. Hutchison, & Wm Smith, the Roll was called and Mr Cherrie was chosen. And John Cochran was continued Clk. Modr. Clk.

Ordered that the sevl Pbyes meet this night & prepare lists to be given in to the Clk of the Synod to morrow morning, of their members for the respective Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, & Genl Synods Fixed Committee. As also an account of such Ministers as have dyed, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed, or Entered on tryals since last Synod.

Ordered that all the Members of this Synod meet at 8 to morrow morning for prayer & continue therein till 10. When open Synod shall begin.

Concluded with prayer.

Die Mercurii Hora Decima, &c, Sess. 2da.

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The Pbyes now gave in lists for the Committees, and made the following reports, namely:

Bangor Pby have Licensed Mr David McKee, who subscribed according to order. Reports of the sevl. Pbyes

Killyleagh Pby have Licensed Mr David Brown, who subscribed according to order.

Dromore Pby report that Mr Willm. Thomson dyed Novr. ye 8, 1756.

B.mena Pby report that Mr Jas. McCreight dyed March ye 12th, 1757; that Mr John Logue was Installed at Buckna, Novr. the 5th, 1756; and yt they have entred Mr Jas. Cochran on first tryals.

Monaghan Pby have entred Mr Robt. Edgar on 2d tryals.

Coothill Pby report that Mr Jas. Hamilton dyed in Augt., 1756; and that they have ordained Mr John Warnock at C.Blayney in Octr, 1756, who subscribed according to order.

Tyrone Pby report that they have entred Mr Jas. Whiteside on 2d tryals.

The Members of the Genl. Synod's Fixed Committee the same as last year, who are to meet at Lurgan when called by the Modr. on any Emergent, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least to be Minrs. Fixed Com:

Next Synod to be at Lurgan the last Tuesday of June, 1758. Sermon to begin at 5 afternoon. Next Synod

Nothing appears yet to have been done for Rye. The Synod, after Reasoning, appoints Messrs. King, Semple, Rainkin, & McMullan to attend the next Synod of Ballymena and sollicite that affair, & press Rye

it on these Pbyes that they with all convenient expedition do justice to that congregation.

As the Pby of Dromore have raised some contributions for N.Jersey and s^d money not remitted, this Synod orders that it be applyed to other Charitable purposes, till the Synod know farther.

Killinshy

M^r. Huey wrote to the Session & Congregation of Killinshy, but it appears that Mr Kinkead is not yet Installed there.

A Supplication from the greater part of that congregation was presented to this Synod by Messrs John Moore, John Maxwell, &c., Commissioners, wherein they request that they may be disannexed from the Pby of Killyleagh, & put under the care of another.

Another Supplication from the Lesser Part of said congregation was presented to this Synod by Messrs John Stewart, David Brown, &c., Commissioners, wherein they desire that the former appointment w^t reference to the Installment of Mr Kinkead may be renewed.

Reasons were produced by the Commiss^rs from the Greater Part for their being disannexed from the Pby of Killyleagh & were read. They Pby of Killyleagh were heard in giving answers *viva voce* to said Reasons. The Commiss^rs from both Parties were fully heard, & being removed, & the Synod having seriously considered the above affair, put the Question, namely, Disannex the Congregation of Killinshy from ye Pby of Killyleagh, or not? and it was carried in the negative without a Dissenting Voice, one only excepted.

Mr Kinkead upon hearing the above Minute, declared that the People of Killinshy had said, they would not submit to above sentence, and therefore he was sorry that by the Resolution of the People about Killinshy affair, he was put under the necessity of parting with the Congregation of Killinshy or of Declaring for an Independency. The Synod being offended with the above Declaration, allows him till to morrow morning at first sed^t to explain himself.

Killinker

A letter from the R^t. Honb^le the Lord Farnham representing the Low Circumstances of Killinker, & desiring that this Synod would give them some assistance, [was read]. Mr Dickie heir at Law to Mr Hamilton the late Min^r of that congregation, prays that before they are planted with another, justice may be done to him with reference to an arrear due by that people to Mr Hamilton's Heirs. This is recommended to the care of the Pby of Coothill.

Glennan

Mr Plunkett Comm^r from Glennan represents the weak condition of that Congregation & that they are not able to pay the 40 £ ℘ annum as the Synod has ordered, & prays that this Synod wou'd either dispense with that Resolution or give them such other assistance as this Synod shall seem good. The Synod refers this matter to the Pby of Monaghan.

Adjourned to 10 to morrow morning. Interloq^r at 8.

Concluded with prayer.

Die Jovis Hora 10*ma mane.* Sess. 3tia

Mrs McCreight is represented as an object of Charity to this Synod, & it is agreed that each Minister bring some contribution to her at next Synod. Mrs McCreight

Mr Kinkead now explained what he said Last night, in these words, namely that the Resolution of the Synod, & the consequent Resolution of the Congregation, he feared, wou'd lay him under a necessity of being as an Independant for a time, by which he meant, that thereby he would be deprived of the satisfaction & benefit of a Pby or deserting his Congregation. Mr Kinkead

The following Brethren viz Messrs Malcolm, Moorhead, Sims, & Hutchison are appointed to converse with the Commissioners of Killinshy, & that some of the members of the Pby of Killyleagh be present with them.

A Memorial from Castle Blayney was presented to this Synod by Wm Baillie representing that as they are now planted with a Gospel Minister, this Synod wou'd make good the promise made in their favour last Synod. The Honourable Lord Blayney by letter seconds said Memorial, this affair is refered to the Committee of the Fund, which Committee Mr McCombe is to attend, & make report of what may be done in that affair to the next sederunt of this Synod. C: Blaynie.

Some Overtures of a Committee of this Synod with regard to the management of the fund were read in & confirmed by this Synod. Fund

Res: 1st. That a Clk for the Committee of the fund be appointed by the Synod to keep an exact account of the sevl sums to be paid by the Congregatians in the Bounds of this Synod, of those who do not pay, & of those who are on the fund, what they are yearly to have, & their Localities, & the said Clk be paid 12d ℔ £ for the first year out of the produce of said fund.

Res: 2d. That every Pby within the Bounds of this Synod give an exact account to said Clk of what every Congregation is to pay yearly to said Fund, what any are in arrear & of those who have not yet paid any, & that if they can't do this at present, that they do it as soon as possible at farthest before the first of May next.

Res: 3d. That every Pby give notice to those Minrs whose Congregations have not as yet contributed to the fund that they at next meetings of their respective Pbyes, after such notice given, do make a Return to the Respective Moderators of the several Pbyes of the sums they'll yearly give to the support of the fund, & that in case, said Minrs neglect to make a return, then the Pbyes under whose care said Minrs are, are to be enjoined by the Synod to make an Estimate of what they think they can pay & make a Return thereof to the Clk of the Committee of the fund against meeting of the General Synod.

Res: 4th. Tho' by a Resolution of Last Synod, every Minr was enjoined to bring his respective proportion of the fund to next General Synod, to be put into the Hands of the Clk of the Committee of the fund to be distributed as the Synod shall direct, yet we humbly

conceive that method will not answer the end designed, it's therefore our opinion that the usual way of Distribution be observed till next meeting of the Synod.

Loghgall

A Supplication from Loghgall was presented to this Synod by Messrs Tobias Gilespie &c., requesting the continuance of the grant of the Synod's Fund with them. Several members were heard & the Synod agrees that the fund usually paid to Loghgall be kept in hand, untill next General Synod, & then disposed of, as they shall think fit.

Mr Hutchison is appointed to write to Lord Farnham.

The B^{n}. that were sent out to converse with Killinshy Commiss^{rs}. report that the Commiss^{rs}. from that Place tell them that the Members of that Congregation continue very warm in their dispute.

Broughshane

From Broughshane appeared Commiss^{rs}. David Darragh, John Hood &c., offering a protest subscribed by a number of Hands, against being disannexed from the Congregation of Broughshane & joined to Buckna. The Synod committs this affair to the Pby of B.mena with the following Correspondents, viz., from T.Patk Pby, Messrs Rogers, Wright, Lewson, & Reid, from Rout Pby, Messrs Smylie, Henry, Neilson, & Ewing & an Eld^{r}. with each, to meet at B.mena the 2^{d} Tuesday of August next. Mr Rainkin to write to the Correspondents.

Mr David Brown

A Committee of the following Brethren, viz., Messrs Allen, King, Semple, Sims, Neilson, Henry, Cuningham, Malcolm, Dickson, Allex^{r}, Huey, McKean, and Hamilton and an Elder with each, of whom five Miñrs & 3 Eld^{rs} to be a Quorum, to meet at Killinshy the 3^{d} Tuesday of August next, to hear & determine in the Matter of a Petition exhibited to this Synod by Mr David Brown a member of the Session of Killinshy, with regard to his suspension. Mr Semple to preach, & the Pby of Killyleagh to attend & give what Light they can to said Commitee.

Killinshy

This Synod farther appoints that Mr Malcolm & Mr Kinkead change pulpits at their convenience that he, Mr Malcolm may deal with that people to bring them to a more peaceable temper, & in the mean time ordered that the Affairs of that Congregation remain as they were untill next General Synod, in the hopes of a more Amicable accommodation.

Mr Thomson

Mr John Thomson of Carnmoney, at his own request, and with the consent of the Pby of Dromore, is annexed to that Pby.

The Synod upon Reading the Minute of last year with reference to those who have not attended the meetings of the Judicature & finding it has not had its proper Influence, came to the following Resolution, namely, That a Committee consisting of the following Members, viz., Messrs Cherrie, Menogh, Maxwell, Jackson, King, Sims, & Dunn, do meet the first Tuesday of August next at Banbridge in order to draw up such expedients as they shall think fit to prevail with the members of this Synod who have not given due attendance on the Judicatories of this Church, and especially on the meetings of the General Synod, to be more punctual for time to come, and that their Resolutions with respect to said affair shall be decisive.

This Synod appoints that a Fast be observed in the several Congregations subject to it, the second Thursday of November next.

The Mod^{r}. concluded the Synod with prayer.

Interloq^{r} 1st.

A letter from the Trustees of the Widdows Fund was read in the Interloq^{r}, by which it appears that there is now in their Hands £3808 10 2½. Messrs Maxwell & Colvill are appointed to write to the Trustees in the name of this Interloq^{r}.

Interloq^{r} 2^{d}.

Messrs. Colvill, &c., now brought the Letter to the Trustees of the Widdows Fund, which was read and approved.

Inserted ℘

JON. COCHRAN, Clk S.G.

A Genl. Synod at Lurgan, June, 27, 1758.

Mr Geo. Cherrie Modr of the former Synod. opened this, by preaching from Isa : 50 : 4 : & then constituted it by prayer, after which, were present from the several Pbyes, as follow, viz :

Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Pby.	
Andr. Ferguson	
David Harvy	
Jas. Law	
Bangor Pby.	
John Moorhead	
Andr. Malcom	Wm. Swane
Hugh Dickson	Robt. M'Kee
Saml. Alexander	Hu. Sproot
Andr. Kennedy	
Jas. Huey	
Wm. Laird	Jas. Archibald
Wm. Warnick	
Pat: Buchannan	
Richd. Walker	
Jos. Mitchel	Robt. Anderson
Wm. Rowan	Robt. Thomson
John King	
Killyleagh Pby.	
Thos. Scott	
Gilbt. Kennedy	
Alexr. Macomb	
Jas. Armstrong	
Michl. Henry	John Clark
John Strong	
Wm. Dunn	Jas. Guffy
Jos. Kinkead	Michl. Stevenson
Robt. Smith	Wm. Park
John Williamson	
Armagh Pby.	
John Menogh	Thos. Rodgers
Geo. Cherrie	Wm. Richardson
John Maxwell	Mr. Kean
Jas. Moodie	
Geor. Henry	
Hen. Jackson	Mr. Robt. Cumin
Drummore Pby.	
John King	Jos. Kelly
John Thompson	Jas. White
Saml. Sims	
John Mulligan	Mr. Jas. Kinneer
Alexr. Neilson	Wm. Haxton
Wm. Henry	Thos. Johnston
John Smith	John M'Cormick
Isaac Patrick	John Smith

Minrs.	Elders.
Templepatrick Pby.	
Thos. Crawford	Pat. Slone
Will. Thompson	Robt. Allen
Wm. Henderson	
Jno. Lewson	
Wm. Rodgers	
Jno. Wright	
Robt. White	Mr. John Martin
Thos. Read	
David Fullerton	
Jas. Dumbar	
Ballymena Pby.	
Robt. Higginbothom	
Jas. White, senr.	Mr. Cumin
John Hill	Mr. Wm. Simson
John Brown	
Jas. Cochran	Mr. Jas. Cochran
Jas. White, junr.	
John Logue	
John Rankin	Mr. Wm.Thompson
Strabane Pby.	
Hen. Murray	
Rout Pby.	
David Smylie	Hen. Petterson
Hu. Gaston	Robt. Elder
John Smith	
Robt. Ewing	Jas. Bicket
Jno. Simson	
Dublin Pby.	
Thos. Vance	
Monaghan Pby.	
Wm. Ambrose	Mr. Wm. Kee
Geo. Carson	
Hugh Mulligan	
Thos. Boyl	
Thos. Plunket	
Wm. Moorhead	
Jas. Hamilton	
Saml. Kennedy	
Wm. Sproot	

Tyrone Pby.		Coothill Pby.	
John Kennedy	Mr. Wm. Herdman	Alexr. M'Kee	
John Gibson		Wm. Smith	
Adam Duffin	Hen. King	John Warnick	
John Kerr			
Jas. Todd	Wm. M'Cullogh	Letterkenny Pby.	
Jas. Hull	Thos. Patton		
Wm. M'Neilly		William Willson	
Wm. Kennedy	Danl. M'Kever	Jas. Turretine	
John M'Clelland	Jas. Willson	Wm. Callender	
Jas. Whiteside	Robt. Paul	Hu. Delap	Wm. Baxter
		Hu. Nisbet	

Mr Cherrie moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. Modr.

The following Brethren were named as a Leet, viz. Messrs Andw Ferguson, Gilbt Kennedy, John King, Alexr Macomb, Wm Thompson, Jno. Hill, David Smylie, Thos Vance, Geo: Carson, Adam Duffin, & Wm Willson. The Roll was called, & Mr Andw Ferguson chosen.

It was moved that Inasmuch as Mr Cochran had served the Genl Synod, as Clerk for many years, with great fidelity, that the Benefit of the Clerkship be continued to him for this year, as an additional Reward for past services, But in the meantime another Clerk be chosen, to write the minutes of the Synod & Transmit a fair copy to Mr Cochran that he may send copies thereof to the several Pbys of the Genl. Synod. This was unanimously agreed to, & the chusing of a Clerk put off until To morrow morning. Clk.

Ordered that the several Pbys meet this night & prepare Lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod, to morrow morning, of the members for the Respective Committees, of Overtures, Bills, Books, fund & Genl Synod's fixed Committee, as also an account of such Ministers as have Dyed, Been ordained, Installed, Licensed, or Entered on trials, since Last Synod. Pbys to meet

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet at Eight o'Clock to morrow morning for prayer & continue therein untill ten, when open Synod shall begin: this Sessn concluded with prayer.

2d *Session Wednesday at ten in yc forenoon, after prayer.* 2d Sessn.

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

The Synod proceeded to the choice of a Clerk, & the Following Brethren being proposed as a Leet, viz. Messrs John Gibson, George Henry, David Smylie, Wm Dunn, John Hill, Jas Huey, Wm Willson, Jno. Warwick, & Wm Rodgers & The Roll being Called Will: Rodgers was chosen. Clk chosen

The Pbys gave in Lists of their members for the Committees, as also the following accounts, namely:

Ordained

The Pby of Dromore have Licensed Messrs James Kinneer & Robt Semple they Both subscribed according to order & they ordained Mr Jno. Smith at Loghbrickland 8ber 31st 1757 & Isaac Patrick at Magharally June 22^{d} 1758, they both subscribed; they report that Mr Semple Dyed March 24th 1758.

Dead, &c.

Templepatrick Pby have ordained Mr Ja^{s} Dumbar at Islandmagee March 14th 1758 he subscribed: & have entered Mr Wm Montgomery on second Trials, they Report that Mr Alex^{r} Brown dyed Janry 2^{d} 1758.

Dead

Ballymena Pby have Licensed Mr Ja^{s} Cochran, who subscribed, & Entered Messrs Ja^{s} Cumin & Chas Brown on first Trials. They Report that Mr Ja^{s} Kerr dyed Sepr 18th 1757 & M^{r} McCurdy dyed Janry 8th 1758.

Monaghan Pby ordained Messrs Saml Kennedy & Wm Sproot 8ber 12th 1757 they both subscribed, they Installed Mr Hugh Mulligan at Aghnacloy 8ber 13th 1757 who subscribed & they have Entered Mr Ja^{s} Coulter on first Trials. They Report that Mr Hutcheson was Removed from ye Cong^{n} of Monaghan to Cork, in Sep^{r}, 1757.

Tyrone Pby have ordained Mr Ja^{s} Whiteside at Tobermore Agt. 1st 1757, & Mr Peebles at Loghgall June 26th 1758. They both subscribed; & they have entered on first trials Messrs Ja^{s} Hogg, Geo. Harris, Robt Campbell & Wm Ray.

Derry Pby ordained Mr Ja^{s} Law July 5th 1756: & have Licensed M^{r} McClure they Both subscribed according to order.

Synod's Fixed Com.^{ttee}

The members of the Synod's Fixed Committee are as follow:

For Tyrone Pby Messrs Duffin & White w^{t} an Elder.

For Killyleagh Messrs Macomb & Henry w^{t} an Elder.

For Bangor Messrs Kennedy & Buchannan w^{t} an Elder.

For Dromore Messrs King & Sims with an Elder.

For Templepatrick Messrs Lewson & Fullerton w^{t} an Elder.

For Armagh Messrs Jackson & Ferguson w^{t} an Elder.

For Ballymena Messrs Brown & Rankin w^{t} an Elder.

For Strabane, Messrs Young & Scott w^{t} an Elder.

For Root Messrs Smylie & Henry w^{t} an Elder.

For Derry Messrs Harvy & Lile w^{t} an Elder.

For Letterkenny Messrs Delap & Callender with an Elder.

For Coothill Messrs Makee & Smith with an Elder.

For Dublin. No return.

For Monaghan Messrs Ambrose & Hamilton & an Elder.

These with our Mod^{r}. & Clerk, are to meet at Lurgan when called by the Mod^{r}. on any Emergent, fifteen to be a Quorum whereof 12 at least to be Min^{rs}.

Enquiry was made, if the Appointment of Last Synod Refering to Rye, had Been observed, & it appeared that little has been done in that matter; The appointment now Renewed. And to make it the more Effectual, The following Breth^{n}. viz. Messrs Higginbothom, Harvy, Boyd, Smylie, & Ewings are ordered to Recommend that affair to the Subsynods of Derry & Ballymena, & they are to make Report of the success they have at next meeting of this Synod. Rye

The several Pbys are ordered to give an acc^{t} at next Session of what they have done for M^{rs} McCreight, In pursuance of the appointment made, in her favor, at Last Synod. Mrs McCreight

It was unanimously agreed by this Synod, that all the fund money formerly allowed to the Cong^{n} of Loghgall be paid (untill this day) to Mrs Orr. Mrs Orr

The Committee according to appointment, met at Killinchy & Issued the matter of the Petition of David Brown which he gave in at last Synod. Com.ttee at Killenchy

Messrs Malcom & Kinkead changed Pulpits, one Lord's Day, as the Synod had ordered, & Mr Malcom says he used arguments with the people of Killenchy to bring them to a more peaceable temper. But had not the desired success.

The Committee met at Banbridge, as appointed, to form some Expedients, to engage the members of this Synod, to be more punctual in giving attendance upon the Several Judicatories of this Church, & particularly upon the Meetings of the Genl Synod. Mr Jackson a member of that Committee, produced A Letter to this Synod, containing an Overture to that purpose. This Letter was refered to the Consideration of the Committee of Overtures & their opinion of it is to be considered by this Synod. Com.ttee at Banbridge

It was moved that the time and place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now. The Question was put, viz., meet at Lurgan or Antrim. The Roll was called, & it carried by a great majority to meet at Lurgan the last Tuesday in June 1759. Sermon to begin 5 o'clock afternoon. The several Committees are ordered to meet immediately after this Session, Interloq^{r} half an hour after four. Open Synod at six. Next Synod

Concluded with prayer.

3^{d} Session Wednesday at six o'clock afternoon, after prayer. 3d Session

The appointment in favour of M^{rs} McCreight was again enquired into, and it appeared that some Ministers were prepared to give money for her use, Mr Brown of Ballymena, is to attend upon the several Pbyes this evening, to Receive from them what money they have for her. And this Synod recommend it to the Pbys to urge the absent Mrs McCreight

members, to use diligence in this affair, & send what they can get for Mrs McCreight, to Mr Brown of Ballymena as soon as possible.

The Committee of Overtures informed this Synod, that they have not yet fully considered the Overture of the Committee which met at Banbridge.

Usher's Quay

Mr Vance in the name of the Congregation of Usher's Quay, requested that the several Pbyes belonging to this Synod, be appointed to send them such suppliers untill next Synod, as they shall write for, this granted.

Ballymony

A Supplication from Ballymony, was presented to this Synod, by Messrs Andw Catherwood, Saml Ralstone & others, intreating that this Synod, in pursuance of a Reference fiom the Pby of Ballymena, in April 1757, to the Genl Synod last past, wou'd be pleased to remove Mr Jno. Rankin from Antrim to Ballymony.

Antrim

Some Gentlemen from the Congregation of Antrim appeared, who complained that they had not been timously apprised of the Intention & Request of the people of Ballymony, & earnestly intreated the Synod not to give judgment at this time.

The Synod, after Reasoning a Considerable time, agreed that as this affair did not come regularly before them, they wou'd not give judgment in it, & therefore leave it to the people of Ballymony to proceed (if they think proper) in the usual way.

Ballyborrough

From Ballyborrough appeared Jno. Gibson & Robt Anderson Commrs, Supplicating that this Synod wou'd be pleased to disannex their Congregation from the Pby of Monaghan, & put them under the care of the Pby of Coothill. The Pbys of Monaghan & Coothill discovered an Inclination that the people of Ballyborrow shou'd be gratified in their request, & the Synod granted their Supplication.

Killenker

From the Congn of Killinker a Supplication was presented to this Synod by Jas Henry, setting forth the weak state of that Congregation and their inability to support a Minister, & praying this Synod to inform them, of the portion of their fund which they wou'd be pleased to allow them. This refered to the Committee of funds.

Killenchy

From a part of the Congn of Killenchy, a Supplication signed by their Session Clerk, was presented to this Synod by Messrs John Moor, Michl Stevenson and Robt Logan, requesting that their Congn may be Disannexed from the Pby of Killyleagh, & Liberty granted them to put themselves under the care of another.

From another party in the Congregation of Killenchy appeared Messrs John Stewart & John Brown Intreating that this Synod wou'd be pleased to continue their Relation to the Revd Pby of Killyleagh and not to put them under the care of any other Pby: They offered many Reasons in support of this Request.

The Commrs of both parties were heard at large, Mr Kinkead & the Pby of Killyleagh were also heard. The Synod agreed to defer the

consideration of this affair, untill next Sed^{r}. Adjourned untill to morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

This Sess^{n} Concluded w^{t} prayer.

4th Sess^{n}. Thursday at 9 o'clock forenoon, after prayer. 4th Sess^{n}.

The matter of the Supplication from Killenchy was again entered upon, according to the Resolutions of last night, & the parties from that Cong^{n} heard for a considerable time, The Pby of Killyleagh & Mr Kinkead were also heard at large. The parties, the Pby of Killyleagh, and Mr Kinkead being removed, the Synod, after much reasoning & mature Deliberation, Resolved that this whole affair shall be remitted to the Pby of Killyleagh, who are hereby clothed with the authority of this Synod to Disannex Mr Kinkead & the Cong^{n} of Killenchy, from their Presbytery, as they shall see cause, & the Synod earnestly recommend it to said Pby, to treat Mr Kinkead & that Congregation, with all possible tenderness & do all they can to gratifie them. The parties being called in, this Resolution was Read to them, & they submitted to it. Killenchy

The Comm^{rs} from Ballymony (with ye concurrence of the Pby of Roote) requested that this Synod would authorise them to apply to the several Pbys within their Bounds for such Suppliers as they shall have occasion to ask, untill next Synod. This granted. Ballymony

The several Comm^{es} are ordered to meet immediately. Interloq^{r} at 4 o'clock afternoon. Open Synod at six.

Concluded with prayer.

5th Sess^{n}. Thursday, at 6 o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c. 5th Session

A Supplication was presented to this Synod by Thos: Gordon & Francis Moor, Comm^{rs}, from Buckna, in w^{e} they complain of the Resolution of the Pby of Ballymena with Correspondents, as Laying a foundation for breaking through the Bounds fixed by the Genl. Synod in June, 1756, when they were Erected into a Cong^{n}., and intreat that this Synod wou'd Allow the Bounds of their Cong^{n}. to Remain as they were first fixed. A Copy of the Minute of the Pby of Ballymena with Correspondents relating to that affair was Read, and the Minutes of the Synod giving an acc^{t}. of the Erection at Buckna, were also Read. The Comm^{rs} being Removed, the Synod, after some Reasoning upon the Matter of this Supplication, Resolved—That the people of Broughshane & Buckna shall abide by the Resolutions of the Synod in June, 1756. Adjourned untill ten o'clock to-morrow morning. Bucknaa

This Session concluded with prayer.

6th Session. Friday, Ten o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

The Clk to the Committee of the Synod's Fund, informed this Synod that Returns have not been made by ye several Pbys (as formerly appointed) of the state of the fund in their Bounds. The Synod Synod's Fund

ordered that the Pbys be punctual in making Returns of the Localities w^{t}in their Bounds, to Mr Macomb as soon as possible.

Annahilt

Some Members of the Pby of Dromore, applyed in the name of Annahilt Congregation, for Liberty to Write to the several Pbys within the Bounds of this Synod, for Suppliers, & particularly for Mr Kinneer of Coothill, & Mr Montgomery of Templepatrick Pby. This was granted.

Stated acct.

It was moved and unanimously agreed to by this Synod, that every Pby within our bounds shall annually Demand a full Settlement of the Acct^{s} between every Min^{r} & his Cong^{n} & this be transmitted by them to the Committee of Books, & Entered into their Records, & this Minute is ordered to be Read in each Congregation.

Overture for Probationers

The Committee of Overtures proposed that every vacant Congregation in the Bounds of the Genl. Synod whose yearly Stipend was forty pounds, or did not exceed fifty, shoud pay to each probationer, for preaching on the Lord's Day, Eight Shill^{s} & three half pence, and in case the vacant Cong^{n} was on the fund & whose yearly stipend did not exceed thirty pounds perhaps not Twenty, that in such cases, what shou'd be paid to the Suppliers, be left to the prudence and discretion of the Pbys to whom such vacant Congn^{s} do belong.

And as for those Congregations whose yearly Stipend was fifty pounds, it was overtured that they pay their Suppliers in the Bounds of their own Pbys at least half a Guinea a day, but if such vacant Cong^{ns} shou'd apply to the Genl Synod or other Pbys, for suppliers, that then they pay to such Probationer or Probationers three crowns for every days preaching on the Sabbth Day.

As for those Cong^{ns} that usually paid sixty pounds a year they ought to pay their Suppliers a pistol ℘ day at least, & so on in proportion for other Congregations whose yearly stipends exceed the sum last mentioned.

These overtures were considered & approved, and it was Recommended to the several Pbys that they use their Interest & Influence with the Congregations under their care to do justice to the Probationers, Particularly that the above overtures be observed.

The Mod^{r}. concluded this Synod with Prayer.

1st Interloq^{r}.

Interloq^{r}. 1st.

Widows Fund

A Letter from the trustees for the Widows fund was Read in this Interloq^{r} wherein they gave an acc^{t} that, that fund amounts to the sum of £3840 19 5½ which with the present year's Subscriptions will make up £4170. This Interloq^{r} agreed to refer ye affairs relating to that fund to a Committee of the following Brethren, viz., Messrs Colvil, Niven, Higginbothom, Maxwell, Menogh, Moodie, Kennedy, Harvy, & Makay, who are to bring in their Overtures to morrow morning.

*Interloq*r. 2d. 2d Interloqr.

The members appointed to inspect into & bring in Overtures relating to the Widows fund, brought in the following. Widows Fund

1st. That a Publick collection shall be made in all the Congns belonging to the Gen1 Synod & Pby of Antrim for strengthening ye fund, that the money so collected be put into the hands of some one Minr in every Pby, & by him brought to this Synod at it's next meeting, with an acct of the particular Collections made, & a return of ye names of such Minrs, as have appointed no such Collection, if any such there be, who for every such omission shall be mulcted in a guinea, to be deducted out of his R.D. & paid into the said fund the Quarter immediately after.

2d. That as frauds have been committed, & hereafter may be, in this matter. A List of the annuitants justly intittled, shall be annually made by the Gen1 Synod, subscribed by the Modr. & Clerk, & returned to the Treasurer for this fund, to whom only annuities shall be paid, untill the next meeting. To enable them to do which, the Pbys in the Returns they make of Minrs Dead, shall particularly mention, leaving Widows or Orphan children or not.

3d. That no addition shall be made by the Treasurer to the sum now paid the several annuitants, untill he receive particular instructions for that purpose from the constituents. That Messrs McKay & Kennedy write to the Trustees, & Messrs Colvil, Dunn, & Nivin to the Treasurer. These Overtures were considered & approved.

A Supplication from Mrs Cornwell was read in this Interloqr intreating that she may be allowed four pounds yearly of the Gen1 Synods Bounty, as formerly granted her, and wc for some time past she has not Recd. This Supplication was granted & the Clerk of ye Synod ordered to write Mr Lang to that purpose & desire him to pay Mrs Cornwell the arrear due her. Mrs Cornwell

A member of this Interloqr complained that Mr Turrettine had Recd money from the Congn of Tobermore to Buy Cups & Flagons for Sacramental occasions which he Bought but now Detains & will not give up to that Congregation. Mr Turretine

In order yt the Interloqr might receive farther Light in this matter, they called upon Mr Paul an Elder from Tobermore, who declared that the above Complaint was Just, and added, that Mr Turretine had Recd money & been employed by that Congregation to Buy a Bible for the use of the Publick, & also money to Buy Deals for their meeting house, & to Buy a New testament with Psalms for a poor woman, & thirteen shille of fund money, which several sums he never laid out as directed by the people, nor accounted for. These Complaints Mr Paul undertook to prove by many Wittnesses.

This Interloqr Resolved that the matter of the above complaints shall be Inquired into and judged by a Committee of the following Brethren, viz. Messrs Higginbothom, Smylie, Simson, Caldwell, Hull,

Osburn, Patten, Henry, & as many of the Pby of Letterkenny, as can attend, who shall meet with their Elders at Tobermore, the last tuesday in July next, & consider and Judge this affair, & Censure as far as suspension untill next meeting of the Gen[l] Synod, in case M[r] Turretine be found Guilty: five Min[rs] with two Elders to be a Quorum, M[r] Turretine to be Informed of this process, with the names of the Wittnesses who are to support the above Charges, ten free Days before the meeting of the Committee; M[r] Smylie to procure a List of the names of the Wittnesses & send it to M[r] Turretine, by a person who shall appear at the meeting of s[d] Committee, & give evidence of having duely served M[r] Turretine with this Resolution, & names of the Wittnesses. And M[r] Turretine is hereby to take notice, that if he shall absent Himself from the meeting of the Committee (without very sufficient cause) he is to be suspended by the s[d] Committee, *Ipso facto* a copy of this Minute for M[r] Turretine to be signed by the Mod[r] & Clk of this Synod.

3[d] Interloq[r].

Interloq[r]. 3[d].

Mess[rs] Colvil & Niven brought in a Letter to the treasurer for the Widows fund, which was Read and approved by this Interloq[r] & signed by the Mod[r]. & Clk.

Mess[rs] Kennedy & Makay brought in a Letter to the Trustees for said fund, w[c] was also read & Approved.

This Interloq[r] appointed M[r] Jno. Maxwell, to write to M[r] Maconchy concerning the Expediency of applying for a Charter for the Security of the Widows fund.

Correspondents wt ye Pby of Antrim, &c.

A motion was made in this Interloq[r] consisting of the Gen[l] Synod & a Deputation from the Pby of Antrim, That as it wou'd tend much to the credit & advantage of Dissenters in Gen[l]. that their different associations shou'd correspond w[t] & be mutually assisting to each other, in their consultations for supporting their Gen[l]. Interest, And that they shou'd appear in the eye of the world as one Body & engaged in one come cause.

It was therefore proposed that some of our members be appointed to write on this subject, to the Pby of Antrim & Doc[r] Duchal, desiring that Correspondents from them, & from our Brethren in the South, may be appointed to meet w[t] us, at our next Gen[l] Synod, at Lurgan the Last tuesday in June 1759. And likewise proposing that Correspondents be appointed from this Synod to attend on any of their meetings, when the Breth[n] there shall think it necessary & desire it.

The above motion was unanimously agreed to. And Mess[rs] Kennedy & Makay were appointed to write to Doc[r] Duchal, Mess[rs] Kennedy & Laird to the Pby of Antrim. Mess[rs] King & Kennedy to correspond w[t] the Pby of Antrim, Mess[rs] Maxwell & Wight w[t] the Southren Association, when Desired.

Ballykelly

The Pby of Derry having Represented that the Cong[n]. of Ballykelly scrupled to pay the arrears due to their late Min[r] M[r] Jn[o]. Haslet,

desired the Advise of this Synod, how they shou'd proceed, in case that Cong^{n}. wou'd persist in their Refusal.

It was the unanimous opinion of the Interloq^{r}. that justice shou'd be done every person, & that the Pby of Derry be advised to use all possible care and diligence to engage that Cong^{n}. to Discharge s^{d} arrear.

A Complaint was made to this Interloq^{r} that M^{r}. White of Broghshane had collected annually money for the Synod's Fund & had applyed it to other purposes. Mr White

This Interloq^{r} ordered that Mr Macomb, Clerk for said Fund, shall write to Mr White to do justice in this matter, & particularly that he pay the arrear of the fund money, Due by his Cong^{n}. to Ballenderry. And in case that be not done, in four weeks after he has been wrote to, Mr Macomb is to write to the Pby of Ballymena, to inquire impartially into, & see justice done in this matter.

This Interloq^{r} ordered that the acc^{t}. of the state of the R:D: sent by Mr Lang, be given to Mr Macomb w^{c} he is to examine and lay before the Committee of Funds at next meeting of the Genl. Synod.

Inserted by

WILL: RODGERS, Clk. G.S.

July 20th, 1758.

A Genl Synod at Lurgan, June 26th, 1759.

Mr Andrew Ferguson Mod^r of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from 1 Tim. 6. 2. And then Constituted it by prayer, after which were present from the several Pbys as follow, viz., from

Minrs.	Elders.
Bangor Pby.	
Robt. Cuningham	Michl. Moorhead
Andw. Malcom	Wm. Swane
Hu. Dickson	Wm. Warnick
Saml. Alexander	
Andw. Kennedy	Jno. Shannon
Wm. Laird	Mr. Jno. Brown
Jas. M'Kean	
Pat. Buchanan	
Jos. Mitchell	Mr. Robinson
Wm. Rowan	Jas. Neilson
Killyleagh Pby.	
Gilbt. Kennedy	
Alexr. M'Combe	
Jas. Armstrong	
Michl. Henry	Edwd. Best
Jon. Strong	Wm. Read
Wm. Dunn	Jno. Lindsay
Jos. Kinkead	Michl. Stevenson
Robt Smith	Mr. Chambers
Jno. Williamson	
Armagh Pby.	
Jno. Menogh	Mr. Thos. Gilpin
Geo. Cherrie	Mr. Jas. Macanless
Jno. Maxwell	
Jas. Moodie	
Geo. Ferguson	
Geo. Henry	
Hen. Jackson	Mr. Cumine
Wm. Campbell	
Dublin Pby.	
Mr. Wm. Wight	
Monaghan Pby.	
Wm. Ambrose	Mr. Coulter
Geo. Carson	
Thos. Boyl	
Wm. Fleming	
Thos. Plunket	
Jas. Jackson	Hu. Willson
Wm. Moorhead	
Jas. Hamilton	
Saml. Kennedy	

Minrs.	Elders.
Dromore Pby.	
Jno. King	Mr. Sproot
Jno. Thompson	Andw. Smith
Saml. Sims	Jon. Makee
Allexr. Neilson	Jno. M'Minn
Wm. Henry	Mr. Petticrew
Jno. Smith	Robt M'Cleland
Isaac Patrick	Jno. Smith
Templepatrick Pby.	
Thos. Craford	Mr. Jas. Cuningham
Wm. Rodgers	Robt. Willson
Jno. Wright	Mr. Dick
David Fullerton	Mr. Cumine
Jas. Dumbar	Mr. M'Clure
Wm. Montgomery	Jas. Boyd
Ballymena Pby.	
Jas. White, Senr.	Geo. Read
Jas. Cochran	Hen. Richman
Jas. White, Junr.	Mr. Little
Jno. Logue	
Jno. Rankin	Mr. Martin
Alexr. M'Mullan	Jas. Harbison
Rout Pby.	
David Smylie	Wm. Haslet
Robt. Brown	Jno. Caldwell
Robt. Henry	
Hu. Gaston	
Jno. Simson	Mr. Jas. Steel
Jno. Camron	Jno. Petterson
Tyrone Pby.	
Jno. Kennedy	
Jno. Gibson	
Jas. Todd	
Jno. White	Mr. Beally
Wm. M'Neilly	
Wm. Kennedy	
Jon. M'Cleland	
Robt. Peebles	
Letterkenny Pby.	
Jas. Turretine	
Andw. Alexander	

Coothill Pby.		Derry Pby.
Jas. Bond		Andw. Ferguson
Wm. Smith	Wm. Harrison	Jno. Hood
Wm. Spratt	Jno. Brann	Jno. Law
Jno. Warnick	Jas. Kinneer	

Messrs Alex^r. Colvil, Ja^s Makay & William Niven appeared Correspondents from the Pby of Antrim, & produced a Commission signed by their Mod^r. and Clk appointing them to join in consultation with this Synod, in such matters as are of Genl. Concern, to the protestant Dissenting Interest. Their Commission was sustained. Correspondents

A Letter from D^r. Duchal & one from Mr Hutcheson, Members of the Southern Pbys, were Read, signifying the Hearty Inclination & Readiness of these Pbys, to correspond with this Synod, & apologising for not sending Correspondents at this time. They promised to send some of their members to any of our subsequent meetings, if that shall be judged necessary. A Letter from ye South, &c.

Mr Maxwell appointed to Answer Doc^r. Duchal, Mr Gilb^t. Kennedy, Mr Hutchison.

Mr Ferguson moved that another be chosen to Moderate in this Synod. The following Brethren were named as a Leet, viz., Messrs John Hood, Alex^r. Macomb, Hu: Dickson, Ja^s. Bond, James Armstrong, Alex^r. Neilson, Thos. Craford, David Smylie, W^m. Wight, Geo: Carson, Jno. White & Jno. Rankin. The Roll was called & Mr Jno. Hood chosen. Mod^r.

Mr Rodgers continued Clerk. Clk

Ordered that the several Pbys meet this evening & prepare Lists to be given to the Clk of the Synod to morrow morning of their members, for the Respective Committees, of Overtures, Bills, books, fund & Genl Synods fixed Committee, as also an Account of such Minr^s as have Died, been ordained, Installed, Licensed, or Entered on Trials, since last Synod. Pbys to meet

Ordered that all the members of this Synod meet at eight o'clock to morrow morning, for prayer & continue therein until ten, when open Synod shall begin: This Sess^n concluded w^t prayer. For prayer

2^d *Session Wednesday at ten o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.* 2d Sess^n

The time appointed for prayer was observed.

Some members of this Synod, upon Reading the Minutes of last Session, Refering to the Correspondents from the Pbys of Antrim & the South, desired and alledged that the words Genl Interests of Dissenters, in w^t they were to join in consultation with this Synod to promote, shou'd be explained to signify Genl Secular concerns only. This was agreed to. Mr Cherrie & others Dissented from the Explication of the Minute of last night; alledging that these Correspondents

shou'd be consulted in all matters of Importance, that come before this Synod.

The Pbys gave in Lists of their members for ye several Committees, as also the following acct^s^ namely :

Licensed — The Pby of Bangor have Licensed Mr Robt Nickel who subscribed according to order.

On trials — Dromore Pby have Entered Mr Robt Dickson on first Trials.

Ordained — Templepatrick Pby have ordained Mr Wm Montgomery at Ballyeaston July 27: 1758, who subscribed the Widows fund, &c. They

Dead — Report that Mr Livingston Died the first day of Sepr 1758 & Mr Ja^s^ Cobham Died Feb^ry^ 23rd 1759.

Licensed — The Pby of Ballymena have Licensed Mr Chas Brown who sub-

On 2^d^ trials — scribed, and have Entered him on 2^d^ trials.

Rout Pby have Licensed Mr Robt Elder, who subscribed, & have Entered M^r^ Hu: Smith on 1st trials.

Tyrone Pby have Licensed Mr Geo: Harris & Moses Hogg, they both subscribed, & they have Entered Messrs Wm Ray & Robt Campbel on 1st Trials.

Dead — Dublin Pby report that Mr Patton Died April 22^d^ 1759.

Ordained — Coothill Pby have ordained Mr Kinneer 25th of June 1759, & they

Installed — Installed Mr Wm Sprott at Ballyjamesduff 16th of May 1759. They both subscribed the Widows fund, &c.

Select Commt^ee^ — The members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as follow :

For Bangor Pby Messrs And^w^ Kennedy & Buchanan w^t^ an Elder.

For Killyleagh Pby Messrs Macomb & Kennedy w^t^ an Elder.

For Dromore Messrs King & Sims w^t^ an Elder.

For Templepatrick Messrs Lewson & Fullerton w^t^ an Elder.

For Ballymena Messrs Cochran & Rankin w^t^ an Elder.

For Letterkenny Messrs Delap & Callender w^t^ an Elder.

For Monaghan Messrs Ambrose & Hamilton w^t^ an Elder.

For Armagh Messrs Maxwell & Ferguson w^t^ an Elder.

For Rout Messrs Smylie & Gaston w^t^ an Elder.

For Tyrone Messrs Jno. Kennedy & White w^t^ an Elder.

For Dublin Pby. No return.

For Coothill Messrs McKee & Smith w^t^ an Elder.

For Derry Messrs Ferguson & Harvy w^t^ an Elder.

For Strabane Messrs Young & Scott & an Elder.

Dunganon — These with our Mod^r^. & Clk are to meet at Dunganon, when called by the Mod^r^. on any Emergency, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least are to be Miñrs.

This Synod finding that some arrear of the fund money, is yet due to Mrs Orr, recommended it to the Pby of Tyrone, to take care that sd arrear be paid her. The Pby of Tyrone report that part of the arrears has been pd Mrs Orr & that they will use diligence in collecting the Remainder & as soon as may be. Mrs Orr

A Letter from Mr Vance in the name of the Congregation of Usher's Quay, was Read, desiring that the appointment of last Synod, wt regard to the supplying that Congn may be Renewed, & particularly that Mr Kinkead may be appointed to preach to them six Lords Days from the last week in July next. This granted. Usher's Quay

Adjourned until four o'clock afternoon. Yc Sessn concluded with prayer.

3d *Session. Wednesday, at Four o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.* 3d Sessn.

From a part of the Congn. of Annahilt appeared Messrs Jas. Henderson, Willm. Caruthers & others, Commissioners, who produced an Appeal from a Determination of the Pby of Dromore, to Recommend a Call from a part of their Congn. to Mr Robt McClure. The Reasons of Appeal were read; the answers given by the Pby of Dromore to the Reasons of Appeal were also read. And a Commission from another part of that Congn. to Messrs Danl Mussenden, Jno Cowan, & Carson, to attend this Synod, & answer to the Opposition and Reasons of it, wc might be made to Mr Maclure's settlement in Annahilt, were also read. Annahilt

The Appellants were heard at large: the Pby of Dromore were also heard, & the Commrs appointed to prosecute ye Call to Mr Maclure were heard at a considerable length.

The parties being removed, the Synod, after Reasoning upon the matter of the Appeal & answers to it, Resolved, That the following Brethren, viz., Messrs Gilbt Kennedy, Williamson, Henry & Strong from the Pby of Killyleagh; Messrs Moorhead, Alexander, Huey, Laird, Walker, & McKean from the Pby of Bangor; Messrs Cherrie, Menogh, Moodie, Jackson, & Ferguson from the Pby of Armagh, shall meet with their Elders at Annahilt, the 4th Tuesday in July next, seven of them to be a quorum. These with the Pby of Dromore (if they please) shall Judge and Determine this matter as they shall see cause. Mr McKean is to preach. The parties were called; this Resolution read to them, and they acquiesced in it.

It was agreed that the time and place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now. The Question was put—Meet at Antrim or Lurgan? The Roll was called, & it was carried to meet at Lurgan the last Tuesday in June, 1760. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon. Next Synod at Lurgan

It was moved and unanimously agreed to that Mr Saml. Thompson's name shou'd be struck out of our list, not for any Immorality, but having withdrawn from the work of the Ministry. Mr Saml. Thompson

The Synod, upon reading the Minutes of last year, agreed to enquire at the Pby of Killyleagh what they had done with regard to the Congn. of Killenchy & Mr. Kinkead. That Pby answered that tho' Killenchy

Mr Kinkead & many of that Cong^{n}. applyed for a Disannexation from their Society, they unanimously agreed that they wou'd not Disannex them, as they offered no Reasons in support of that request.

From a party in the Cong^{n} of Killenchy appeared Messrs Jno. Moor, Ja^{s} Huet &c., Comm^{rs}, who produced an appeal from the resolution of the Pby of Killyleagh, w^{c} they think was not agreeable to the determination of last Synod, refering to that affair.

From another party in said Cong^{n} appeared Messrs Jno. Stewart, David Brown & Jno. Brown Comm^{rs}, remonstrating against the disannexation desired by the majority of their Congregation, & praying that the Cong^{n} of Killenchy may be continued under the care of the Revd Pby of Killyleagh, to whom they acknowledge many & great obligations, & in support of this request they offered many arguments.

The reasons of appeal & answers to them were read. The parties were heard at large. Mr Kinkead was also heard who requested earnestly that he & his Cong^{n} might be disannexed from the Pby of Killyleagh, & liberty granted them to join another. He affirmed to this Synod that he cou'd not be happy in his Cong^{n} otherwise :—The Pby of Killyleagh gave the Synod a large account (from their minutes) of the reasons w^{c} determined them to deny the request of the majority of Killenchy Congregation, desiring to be disannexed from their society.

The Parties being removed, the Synod reasoned (a considerable time) upon the matter of the above Appeal, the reasons of it, & answers to these Reasons.

It was then agreed to put this question, viv., Defer the determination of this matter, or deceide it now at this Synod. The Roll was called & it carried to defer. From this resolution Mr King dissented.

Interloq^{r} at 9 o'clock to morrow morning, open Synod at 12.

This Session Concluded w^{t} prayer.

4th Sess^{n}.

4th Session Thursday at 12 o'clock, after prayer &c.

Killenchy

Upon reading the minutes of last Session, the appeallants from Killenchy, gave in a written Supplication, to this Synod, wherein they pray, that, if (in the course of providence) their Congregation shou'd become vacant, this Synod wou'd provide for their being supplied, in some other way, than by the Pby of Killyleagh.

The Synod enjoined the Pby of Killyleagh to write for such Suppliers as the people of Killenchy shall desire. This the Pby of Killyleagh engaged to do.

Killenker

From the Cong^{n} of Killenker appeared Mr Jno Brann Comm^{r}, who presented a Supplication from that Cong^{n} , intreating that this Synod wou'd allow them some part of their fund, & let them know the Localities, in case their supplication be granted.

The Synod sensible of the Reasonableness of the above Request, Resolved that the sum of ten pounds ℔ year, be paid to Killenker, & by the following Cong^ns the sums annexed to them viz.

By Longford	..	..	£1	15	0
By Caledon	..	..	0	16	3
By Coothill	..	..	1	2	9
By Stonebridge	..	..	0	15	0
By Fivemiletown	..	..	0	11	4½
By Ballybay	..	..	1	1	0
By Fintenagh	..	..	0	11	4½
By Killyshandra	..	..	0	11	4½

The Deficiency to be made up by the Committee of funds.

A Report came to this Synod that Mr Erskine of Newtonlamavaddy was charged with many Immoralities. The Pby of Rout & Subsynod of Ballymena gave Information that his Behaviour, in time past, was exceedingly offensive to them, and Dishonourable to Religion, & the Pby of Rout prayed & Intreated that he might not be continued, any longer, a member of their Society. Mr Erskine

This Synod, Grieved to hear any of their members Reported to be a man of such scandleous Behaviour, Agreed, that a Committee of the following members, viz. Messrs Geo: Cherrie, Jno. Maxwell, Wm Ambrose, Jno. Gibson, Jno. King, Thos Plunket, Chas Caldwell, Gilb^t Kennedy, Jno. Wright, Wm Kennedy, Wm Dunn, Wm Mackneilly, Mr Murray, Wm Montgomery, Jno. White, Robt White, Jno. Lewson, Thos Read, Wm Laird, & Wm Rodgers with their Elders, shall meet at Colerain, the Last tuesday in July next, nine of them to be a Quorum, whereof seven at least, are to be Ministers, to Enquire into the Grounds of these Charges against Mr Erskine. And if they shall have Evidence to Determine them to Believe that he is Immoral & scandleous, as fame publishes him to be, they shall censure him as they shall see cause.

The Pby of Rout are enjoined by this Synod to give Information of Mr Erskine's Character to the Committee: And to send him a Copy of the Charges alledged against Him, with the names of the Witnesses that are to support said Charges, at least Ten free days before the meeting of said Committee: A Copy of this Resolution, signed by the Mod^r & Clk, to be sent, by the Pby of Rout, to Mr Erskine, and by a person, that shall attend the meeting of the Committee, & Declare that he has served him duly w^t it. And Mr Erskine is hereby to take notice, that if he shall Absent himself from the meeting of said Committee They are to proceed against him as they shall see cause. The Pby of Rout are authorised by this Synod to cite any persons that can give Light in this Affair, to attend at the meeting of the Committee.

The several Pbys were ordered to make Returns to ye Clk of the Committee of funds, of the Localities in their Bounds and the Sums p^d by Each, before next Session. Funds

Adjourned untill six o'clock afternoon. This Session concluded with prayer.

5th Sessn. *5th Session thursday at Six afternoon after prayer, &c.*

The Clk of the Committee of funds Reports that he has not yet Recd Returns of all the Localities from the several Pbys.

Widows fund

A motion was made and unanimously agreed to, yt every Member in this Synod shall make a Collection before the meeting of next Genl Synod, for strengthening The Widows fund, And that they that made none last year, are to make two this, And for every failure they are subjected to the Penalty mentioned at Last Synod.

Stonebridge & Drum

A minute from the Pby of Coothill was Read in ye Synod, Desiring assistance in fixing the Bounds of Stonebridge & Drum Congregations.

The Synod agreed to appoint Messrs Ambrose, Jackson, Robt Smith, Kerr, Gibson, Fleming, Hamilton, Maxwell & Macomb, with their Elders to meet as Correspondents with the Pby of Coothill, The 2d tuesday in Augt next at Coothill & Judge that and all other affairs Laid before Them from these places, & by that Pby.

Buckna

A Supplication from Buckna was presented to ye Synod by Mr Geo: Gordon, praying that this Synod wou'd be pleased to use such Methods as they shall think proper, to assist them in Raising some money for the payment of a Debt they are under by Building a meeting house & which they are not able to pay.

The Synod unanimously agreed to Recommend the affair of Buckna to all well disposed people, & particularly to the Sessions & Congns within the Bounds of this Synod, & that this Recommendation may have its due Effect, the Synod ordered their Modr & Clk to sign it.

Mr Henry

A Supplication from Mr Henry of Drogheda was Read in this Synod, Wherein he Intreats that the sum of £108 of the arrear of fund money, which, he says, the Genl Synod in the year 1743, promised to pay him, may be pd instantly. The consideration of this Defered until next Sessn.

Ballymote

From the new Erected Congn of Ballymote appeared Thos Edmonstone Commr setting forth the weak state of that Congregation (they being 15 families in number only) & their Inability to pay for Suppliers, & Intreating that this Synod wou'd apply in their favour to the trustees for Mr Maxwell's fund, for a portion of it.

The Synod agreed to converse with some of the trustees for sd fund that are now in Town, And at next Session to give an answer to this Supplication.

Adjourned untill to morrow at 11 o'clock. Interloqr at Nine. This Session concluded wt prayer.

6th Session Friday Eleven o'clock after prayer, &c.

Pursuant to a Resolution of the former Session, the Synod considered the affair of Ballymote, And, after Inquiry made, find that some of the trustees of Mr Maxwell's fund have been consulted, whether there might not be some ground of hope given to the people of Ballymote to Expect that their Interest wou'd be used in their favour, And Report has been made, that they might Expect their Interest wou'd be Employed to promote the Dissenting Interest in said place. Ballymote

The appointment of last Synod with Regard to Probationers was Renewed by this Synod. Probationers

It was proposed & unanimously agreed to, that a Committee of the following Brethren, viz. Messrs Macomb, Cherrie, Modie, Maxwell, Gibson, Ambrose and Ferguson shall meet at Markethill the first tuesday 8ber next, to prepare the affair of the fund for next Genl Synod. A Com: at Markethill

The Synod appointed all the Pbys in their Bounds to observe carefully the minute of last year Relative to the Minrs stating accts wt their Congns. Stated acct

The matter of Mr Henry's Supplication was Considered, according to the Resolution of last Session; And the payment of the Arrear of the fund which he says is Due him, by this Synod, was objected to, by one of ye members, who alledged, that he Mr Henry had taken into his possession & appropriated to his own particular use, a meeting house, & dwelling house built by the Donations of Protestant Dissenters. Mr Henry Answered, that he was in possession of these Houses And that his father had purchased the Dwelling house, And he himself had purchased the meeting house, after a Bill in Chañry had been fylled against him by Mr Fulton. Mr Fulton was called upon, who Declared that Mr Henry threatned to turn the Protestant Dissenters out of the meeting house of Droghada, And shortly after Threatning them in that manner, he Rendered it Exceedingly Inconvenient for them to assemble in that house, for Publick Worship, by Building a house before it & upon their Ground, And Mr Fulton said further that he & that Congn were under the Disagreable necessity of making out a Bill in Chancry against Mr Henry, and after a considerable sum of money Expended at Law, were obliged to sell out the property of their meeting house for the Small Sum of one hundred & five pounds, tho' the Expence of Building sd house far Exceeded that sum. The Synod after hearing Mr Henry & Mr Fulton, were of opinion, that Sufficient Evidence cannot be had at this time, for them, to give Judgment in the matter, And therefore Defered Judging untill next Genl Synod; And in the mean time Mr Fulton is requested to use Diligence in finding out the Contributions made by Dissenters for Building those houses, & to attend wt or send these accts to next Genl Synod, Mr Henry to attend if he pleases, & the members of this Synod are to use Diligence in obtaining all the Light they can in this matter before next Genl Synod, Messrs Cherrie & Modie to search the old Records of the Synod. Mr Henry of Drogheda

As the Synods appointment for the Ministers attendance for the hours of prayer, has not been duely observed, it was agreed upon, that it not Prayer

be only warmly recommended to the Members of this Synod to be more punctual at the hours for prayer, but that each Pby shou'd appoint one or more of their number, and make a return of the persons named for that purpose, to ye Mod^r timously the evening or morning, before the hour of prayer.

This Synod Concluded wth prayer,

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Widows fund

A Letter from the trustees of the Widow's fund, was read in this Interloq^r. Wherein they gave an acc^t that the present amount of that fund, is £4309 17 9. This Interloq^r agreed to refer the affairs relating to that fund to a Committee of the following Brethren, viz., Messrs Colvil, Niven, Makay, Wight, Maxwell, Ambrose & Ferguson, who are to receive the Collections made since last Genl Synod, bring in Overtures relating to it, & the Draught of a Letter to the trustees for that fund, at next Interloq^r.

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Interloq^r. 2 .

Widows fund

The members appointed to inspect into, to receive ye Collections for, & bring in Overtures relating to the Widows fund, produced this Interloq^r a list of ye Annuitants, they also gave an acc^t of the Collections made by the members of this Synod & Pby of Antrim, & w^c have not been remitted to Mr Lang to the amount of £127 18 0½, which sum was given to Mr Wight of Dublin, & his Rec^t taken for it, by him to be delivered to the Trustees Treasurer, this list was signed by the Mod^r & Clk.

Overtures

It was proposed & unanimously agreed to by this Interloq^r, that Mr Lang shall be directed in a letter, w^c is to be wrote to him by Mr Ambrose, to deduct one Guinea, and pay it into the fund, out of the first Quarter, of the R.D., that shall become due to Min^rs having Cong^ns, who have omitted to make Collections for strengthening the Widows fund, provided the do not raise & remit him, their Collections, before the 26th day of Sepr. next. A list of these Min^rs to be sent in Mr Ambrose's Letter.

A motion was made, and unanimously agreed to, That the Contributors to the Widows Fund shou'd be Desired and Urged by this Interloq^r. to attend at the meeting of this Synod in 1760, in order that the Scheme and circumstances of that fund may be considered & such Regulations made, as shall then appear necessary ; And in the mean time y^t each Pby shall give an Acc^t of the Women Living that have been Wives to Dissenting Min^rs in the Genl Synod and Pby of Antrim, at next Interloq^r, to see if they Exceed the number of 35.

The Draught of a Letter to the Trustees for the Widows Fund was Read & Approved, & signed by the Mod^r and Clk.

Interloqr. 3d. 3d

The several Pbys gave in Lists of the Women Living that were Wives to Dissenting Minrs in the Genl Synod and Pby of Antrim, wc Amount to the number of 74. This inclined the Synod & Pby of Antrim to Resolve upon taking the Scheme of the Widows Fund into serious and particular consideration, at their meeting in 1760. Widows yt have been Minrs Wives

It was proposed to the Interloqr. & agreed to, that the Clk of the Synod be Directed to Collect into a Separate Book all that has been hitherto concluded in Relation to the Widows Fund, before the next Genl Synod, that the Contributors may have a more Clear & Distinct view of that Important affair, & that the Clk shall Receive a proper Gratuity, in such manner as shall seem most Expedient, for such Extraordinary Care & Labour, & that all the Minutes Relating to that Affair be Inserted in said Book, for time to come. A Book for Widows fund

Application was made, in Behalf of the Congn of Inniskilling, to this Interloqr that they would be pleased to assist them, in mentaining their Right to a Bequest made them, which is now Disputed, & they are obliged to Plead at Law; and at the same time, it was observed, that other Bequests are Depending upon the Issue of that Suit. Inniskilling

The Interloqr unanimously agreed that every Minr in the Synod & Pby of Antrim shou'd procure, if possible, at least five shillrs & five pence, from his Congn for the above purpose. Mr Colvil engaged to use his endeavours to procure the above sum at least from each member of the Pby of Antrim; Messrs Craford & Fullerton from the Pby of Templepatrick; Messrs King & Sims from ye Pby of Dromore; Messrs Hamilton & Ambrose from the Pby of Monaghan; Messrs Cherrie & Menagh from the Pby of Armagh; Messrs Armstrong & Smith from the Pby of Killyleagh; Messrs Smith & Warnock from the Pby of Coothill; Messrs Malcom & Laird from the Pby of Bangor; Messrs Alexander & Delap from the Pby of Letterkenny; Messrs Jno Kennedy & Gibson from the Pby of Tyrone; Messrs Jas. White & Rankin from the Pby of Ballymena; Mr Wight from Dublin; Messrs Simson & Neilson from Rout; and Messrs Harvy & Ferguson from Derry Pby., & these Collections shall be Remitted to Mr Plunkett at Inniskilling before 9ber next, if possible.

This Interloqr inquired if the Committee met at Tobermore as appointed at last Synod. A member of that Committee produced a paper signed by Mr Turretine & some of the members of that Congn whereby it appeared that Mr Turretine had made proper Restitution to the people of Tobermore, & he gave such a Representation of that affair as in some measure alleviated the charges given in against him. The Interloqr agreed that he shou'd be admonished by the Modr never to behave in such manner for time to come, wc was accordingly done, & Mr Turretine promised to be more cautious in all future times. Turretine

Mr Simson charged Mr Turettine with assisting Mr Erskine when under suspension, in administring the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Interloqr resolved that as this affair did not come regularly before them, they would not give judgment in it.

Bellykelly

A Supplication was presented by Joseph Haslet to ye Interloq^{r}, intreating that the Cong^{n} of Ballykelly may be enjoined to do justice to his son their late Min^{r}. The Interloq^{r} enjoined the Pby of Derry to see justice done, before they proceed to the settlement of that Congregation.

Broughshane

Inquiry was made if Mr Macomb wrote to Mr White of Broughshane, concerning the fund money due by his Cong^{n} to Ballenderry; it appeared he did write, but nothing has yet been done in that matter. Mr White & his Elder alledged that the Cong^{n} of Broughshane was not willing to pay fund money to any Cong^{n}, but to such as they thought proper:

The Interloq^{r} resolved that Mr White's Congregation shall annually collect their portion of the fund money, w^{c} is £1 10. And bring it to the meetings of the Genl Synod, and in mean time they are enjoined to use diligence, in raising the arrear of the fund money, & to bring it to the Genl Synod with the Annual fund.

A motion was made that none of the Widows that have £4 a year from the Genl Synod shall (in time to come), be admitted to that charity, unless they be yearly returned by the several Pbys in whose bounds they reside, to the Synod's Clk y^{t} lists of their names may be returned by him to the Treasurer: y^{s} agreed to & ye Clk ordered to write the Treasurer to y^{s} purpose.

Inserted by
WILL RODGERS, G.S.C.

Jan^{ry}. 22^{d}, 1760.

A Genl Synod at Lurgan, June 24th, 1760.

Mr Hood the Modr of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Heb. 6. 1. And then Constituted it by prayer, after which were present from the several Pbys as follows, viz:

Minrs.	Elders.
Killeleagh Pby.	
Thos. Scott	
Gilbt. Kennedy	
Alexr. Macomb	
Michl. Henry	
Jno. Strong	Arthur Martin
Wm. Dunn	
Robt. Smith	Robt. Robinson
Armagh Pby.	
Geo. Menagh	Thos. Rodgers
Geo. Cherrie	
Jno. Maxwell	Jos. Boyd
Jas. Moodie	
Geo. Ferguson	
Geo. Henry	
Hen. Jackson	Mr. Cumin
Wm. Campbell	
Dromore Pby.	
Jno. King	
Saml. Sims	
Jno. Mulligan	Wm. Willson
Allexr. Neilson	Thos. Kennedy
Wm. Henry	Mr. Petticrew
Isaac Patrick	Jno. Smyth
Robt. M'Clure	
T.Patk Pby.	
Thos. Craford	Jno. Lockart
Wm. Thomson	
Wm. Rodgers	
Jno. Wright	Mr. Elder
Robt. White	Mr. Barbar
Thos. Read	Saml. Moor
Wm. Montgomery	

Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Pby.	
Mr. Jno. Hood	
Rout Pby.	
Gideon Neilson	Jas. Moor
Robt. Ewings	Mr. Little
Hen. Erskine	Jas. Movill
Dublin Pby.	
Mr. Chas. M'Collum	
Monaghan Pby.	
Wm. Fleming	
Thos. Plunket	
Jas. Jackson	Jno. Clendinen
Jas. Hamilton	
Saml. Kennedy	
Coothill Pby.	
Wm. Smith	Robt. M'Mullan
Jno. Warnick	
Jas. Kinneer	
Tyrone Pby.	
Jno. Kennedy	Jas. Hanna
Jno. Gibson	
Adam Duffin	Jas. Anderson
Jas. Todd	
Jno. White	
Jas. Hull	Moses Paul
Wm. Kennedy	Jas. M'Neish
Jno. M'Cleland	
Robt. Peebles	Wm. Lawson

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Letterkenny Pby.		**Bangor Pby.**	
Wm. Boyd	Mr. Smylie	Jno. Moorhead	
Jas. Turrettine	Mr. Neilson	Andr. Malcolm	Robt. Shaw
Wm. Willson		Jas. Huey	
Andw. Alexander		Wm. Warnick	Jas Robinson
Ben. Holmes		Richd. Walker	
		Pat. Buchannan	
Ballymena Pby.		Wm. Laird	
		Jos. Mitchel	
Jno. Brown	Jno. Knox	Wm. Rowan	
Jas. Cochran	Mr. Cochran	Jno. King	
Jno. Rankin	Wm. Holms		

Strabane Pby. none

Mod^r chosen

Mr John Hood moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following Brethren were named as a Leet, viz. Messrs Macomb, Dunn, Craford, Jno. King sen^r, Rankin, Neilson, McCollum, Duffin, Plunket, Ben: Holms & Walker. The Roll was Called & M^r McCollum chosen.

Clk.

Mr Rodgers continued Clk.

Pbys to meet

Ordered that the several Pbys meet this Evening & prepare Lists to be given to the Clk of the Synod to morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of overtures, bills, Books, & Genl Synods fixed Committee as also an acc^t of such min^rs as have died, been ordained, Installed, Licensed or Entered on Trials since last Synod.

For prayer

Ordered that each Pby appoint one or more of their members to attend at Eight O'clock to morrow morning for prayer & that a Return be made of the persons appointed for y^t purpose to the Mod^r this evening or early to morrow morning; prayer to continue from eight o'clock until ten when open Synod shall begin.

This Session concluded w^t prayer.

2^d Session

2^d Session Wednesday at Ten O'Clock forenoon after prayer.

The Appointment for prayer was observed.

The Pbys gave in Lists of theit members for the several Com^tees as also the following accounts namely:

Licensed

The Pby of Killyleagh have Licensed Mr Geo: Martin, who subscribed according to order.

Ordained

The Pby of Dromore have ordained Mr Robt McClure at Annahilt April 29th 1760 Who subscribed the Synod's formula & Widows fund.

Ordained

The Pby of Letterkenny have ordained Mr Wm Burk July 25th 1759. He subscribed according to order.

The Pby of Ballymena have ordained Mr Chars Brown 8ber 6th 1759 & Mr Douglass June 3d 1760 they Both subscribed ye Synods formula & Widows fund. They have entered Mr Cuming on 2d trials. They Report that Mr Jno. Hill died July 29th 1759. Ordained 2d trials Dead

The Pby of Rout have Licensed Mr Hugh Smith he subscribed. They Report that Mr Robt McBride died Sepr 2d 1759, he was a subscriber to the Widows fund. Licensed Dead

Tyrone Pby have Licensed Messrs Wm Ray & Robt Campbell. They both subscribed. Licensed

Derry Pby have Licensed Messrs Arthur Kyle Solomon Moor & Wm Craig. They all subscribed according to order. Licensed

Coothill Pby Report that Mr Andw Dean Died April 1760. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund. They have entered Mr Nickel on 2d trials. Dead 2d trials

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as follow. Synod's fixed Committee

For Dromore Pby Messrs King & Sims with an Elder.

For Templepatrick Pby Messrs Lewson & Fullerton wt an Elder.

For Monaghan Pby Messrs Jackson & Hamilton with an Elder.

For Tyrone Pby Messrs Todd & White with an Elder.

For Killyleagh Pby Messrs Macomb & Kennedy wt an Elder.

For Ballymena Pby Messrs Cochran & Rankin with an Elder.

For Rout Pby Messrs Smylie & Gaston with an Elder.

For Letterkenny Pby Messrs Delap & Callender with an Elder.

For Derry Pby Messrs Ferguson & Harvy wt an Elder.

For Strabane Pby Messrs Young & Scott with an Elder.

For Armagh Pby Messrs Menagh & Maxwell wt an Elder.

For Bangor Pby Messrs Kennedy & Buchannan wt an Elder.

For Dublin no return.

For Coothill Pby Messrs McKee & Smith & an Elder.

These with our Modr & Clk are to meet at Dunganon when called by the Modr on any Emergency 15 to be a Quorum whereof 12 at least are to be Minrs.

Upon Reading the minutes of Last Synod relative to an arrear of fund money Due Mrs Orr, The Pby of Tyrone informed this Synod, that the greater part of said arrear had been paid & promised That the Whole shall be paid up before the meeting of next Genl Synod. Mrs Orr

The Committee mett at Annahilt as appointed & issued the debates Relating to Mr McClure's Settlement in that Congregation. Annahilt

It was proposed that the time & place of next Synods meeting be fixed now. The Pby of Letterkenny made it their earnest request that the Synods next meeting should be at Derry, the Synod unanimously Next Synod at Derry

agreed to grant this request, provided it shou'd not be insisted on to meet there soon again, this condition was submitted to: Next Synod to be at Derry the last Tuesday in June, 1761. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Mr Erskine

The Committee met at Colerain as appointed, the minutes whereof were read, by which it appeared that Mr Erskine was suspended from the execution of any part of the ministeral office for the space of eight weeks, & a power lodged in the Pby of Rout to continue the suspension some time longer, unless they had evidence of his having made a profession of repentance.

The Synod approved the Committees conduct. The Pby of Rout reported that they continued Mr Erskine under suspension thirty one weeks, then rebuked him as directed by the Committee & took off the suspension.

Buckna

It was proposed & unanimously agreed to, that the recommendation of the last Synod in favour ot Buckna, be renewed by this, & accordingly each Pby in the bounds of the General Synod were urged to use great care & diligence in that matter: and a member or two in every Pby are to put the Pby to which they belong in mind of this appointment, & receive the Collections when made for Buckna. The members for that purpose are. In the Pby of Killyleagh, Messrs Dunn & Strong; in Armagh Pby, Mr Hen. Jackson: in Dromore Pby, Messrs King & Sims; in Templepatrick, Mr Wm Thompson; in Ballymena, Mr Jno. Brown; In Strabane, Messrs Osborn & Young; in Rout, Messrs Neilson & Ewings; in Dublin, Mr McCollum; in Monaghan, Messrs Armbrose & Hamilton; in Coothill, Mr Smith; in Tyrone, Messrs Duffin & White; in Letterkenny, Messrs Boyd & Ben. Holms; in Derry, Messrs Ferguson & Harvy; in Bangor, Messrs Huey & Laird. These members are to transmit the Collections wc are to be made for Buckna as soon as possible to Mr Jno. Brown of Ballymena, & Mr Logue is ordered to write them immediately a Representation of the state of Buckna.

Markethill

The Committee appointed to meet at Markethill to inspect into the state of the Synod's fund, did not meet. This Synod ordered each Pby to bring acct to next Genl Synod of the Localities in their bounds, how much each pays, & to whom, & the several Pbys are ordered to give what acct they can of that matter to Mr Macomb Clk of the fund to morrow morning.

Stated accts

The several Pbys belonging to the Genl Synod are ordered to see accts añually stated between each Minr & Congn in their bounds.

Adjourned until four o'oclock afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

3d Session

3d Session Wednesday at 4 o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c.

Bangor

From Bangor appeared Mr Hu: Jackson Commr Supplicating that Mr John Wright from the Pby of Templepatrick, may be appointed to supply that Congn the month of Augt next, Mr Wm Ray from the Pby of Tyrone the month of Sepr & Mr Jno. Rankin from Ballymena Pby

the month of 8ber, & that the several Pbys belonging to this Synod, be ordered to send that Congregation such supplies as they write for untill next Gen[l] Synod. This was granted.

A Supplication from Newtownlamavaddy was presented to this Synod by Andw. Oliver & James Shannon Comm[rs], subscribed by a considerable number of that Cong[n] intreating that M[r] Erskine be enjoined by this Synod to fulfill a promise he made of demiting his charge of that people, which they say he gave under his hand he wou'd do provided they payed him the sum of eighty pounds, & now declines the performance of said promise. Newtown

M[r] Erskine appeared & denyed he ever made a promise of demiting upon receiving eighty pounds, but acknowledges, he said he would demit if the Cong[n] desired him, & paid the two thirds of the arrear Stipend due him. The Comm[rs] were asked if the eighty pounds had been p[d] Mr Erskine, they produced two rec[ts] for forty eight pounds, & M[r] Erskine said he rec[d] in all about sixty six pounds of that sum. Mr Erskine

The Synod considered the above Supplication, heard M[r] Erskine & the Comm[rs] from his Cong[n] at large, & Resolved that if the majority of M[r] Erskine's Cong[n] desire him to demit, they shou'd apply to the Pby to w[c] he belongs, who shall have it in their power to accept his demission.

From the major part of Killenshy Cong[n] appeared James Huet Ja[s] M[c]Kean & other Comm[rs], who presented a Supplication to this Synod, wherein they intreate to be now disannexed from the Pby of Killyleagh (which they say they can neither love nor esteem) & liberty granted them to join another Pby. This they plade as a liberty they think themselves intitled to as Protestant dissenters, & which all their Cong[n] (six or seven only excepted) earnestly desire, Killenshy

A Letter from M[r] Kinkead to this Synod was also read, wherein he earnestly intreats that the above desired dissanexation be granted, declaring that if his people be not gratified in this, he cannot promise himself peace in his Congregation. Mr Kinkead's Letter

A Supplication from another part of that Cong[n] subscribed by twenty six, was also presented to this Synod, by M[r] Jno. Brown Comm[r]. In which they earnestly intreated that the relation of their Cong[n] to the Rev[d] Pby of Killyleagh, (to which they acknowledge many & great obligations), may be continued.

The Pby of Killyleagh Desired that the Comm[rs] from the majority of Killenshy Cong[n] shou'd be asked, if they had any Exception to the principles or morals of any of their members that occasioned Them to say they cou'd neither Love nor Esteem them. That Question being proposed, they answered that they Did not Chuse to say any thing, but Wou'd give their Reasons in Writing : These Reasons were Rec[d] Read & are *in Retentis*. Pby of Killyleagh

The Pby of Killyleagh fully answered these Reasons & urged again & again, that the Comm[rs] woud tell if they had any exception to the Religious principles or morals of any of their members, to This they

wou'd give no answer, But refered to their Writen reasons. The parties being heard for a Considerable time were removed & After some Reasoning the Synod Resolved:

Resol. 1st. 1st. That nothing Contained in the Reasons offered by the majority of Killenshy Congn or that has appeared to the Synod, give the Least ground to Suspect the Pby of Killyleagh to be unsound either in their principles or morals & therefore the prejudices of that people against them are judged to be groundless.

Resol. 2nd. 2d. That seeing the majority of Killenshy Congn remain obstinate in their inclinations & Resolutions to be Disannexed from the Pby of Killyleagh, this Synod, (to prevent trouble to that people & to oblige the Pby of Killyleagh & Mr Kinkead) Agreed that they shou'd be Disannexed & accordingly do disannex them from that Pby: The parties were Called, these Resolutions Read to them & they acquiesed; Mr Kinkead & his Congregation were allowed to join any Pby that wou'd receive them.

Adjourned untill eleven o'clock to morrow morning. Interloqr at eight, this Session concluded with prayer.

4th Session *4th Session Thursday at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer.*

Loughgall A Supplication from Loughgall was presented to this Synod, by Willm Lawson, Wherein they Complain that the fund money formerly granted them, & without which, they say, they Cannot possibly Support a Minr, has been Latly Lessened & pray that this Synod wou'd be pleased to allow the Sum granted to them, when they were first erected into a Congregation wc was twelve pounds a year.

Venecash Some members in the Pby of Tyrone moved that Venecash shou'd be allowed part of the Localities in their Bounds, & an Equivalent be made to Loughgall by the Committee of the fund. The Synod Resolved, that the Localities in the Bounds of the Pby of Tyrone (those appointed to Moywater only excepted) be Divided between Venecash & Loughgall, & that the Comttes of the fund make up the sums formerly granted to these Congregations, by giving them other Localities.

Armagh Pby At the Desire of the Pby of Armagh this Synod ordered the Congregations belonging to that Pby to pay their portion of the fund money to the Congregations upon the fund in their own Bounds.

Mr Beatty The Revd Chars Beatty from the Pby of Philadelphia produced Ample Credentials from his Pby and was Recd a member of this Synod. He also produced a very Large Recommendation from the honourable Jas Hamilton, Governor & Commander in Chief of Pensylvania; he Likewise exhibited Letters recommending him to this Synod, signed by several ministers of the Church of Scotland, & Docrs of Divinity in the Universities of Edenburgh & Glasgow.

An Address of the Corporation of Philadelphia & New York was presented to this Synod by the Revd Chars Beatty, Wherein They set forth the Distressed Condition of Ministers and their families in the

Bounds of that Country, & pray for such Relief as this Synod shall think most proper.

The Synod unanimously agreed that a publick Collection shall be made in all the Cong^ns within the Bounds of the Genl Synod the second Sabbath in April next, for the above purpose, that the Collections made in the bounds of Each Pby shall be Deposited in the hands of some one member in every Pby, by him to be Transmitted to Col: Dunn in the City of Dublin. The members to whom the Collections are to be given are These following, viz., in Killyleagh Pby Mr Dunn; in Armagh Mr Moodie; in Dromore Mr Sims; in Templepatrick Mr White; in Ballymena Mr Brown; in Strabane Mr Ferguson; in Rout Mr Simson; in Dublin M^r McCollum; in Monaghan Mr Hamilton; in Coothill Mr Smyth; in Tyrone Mr Duffin; in Letterkenny Mr Boyd; in Derry Mr Hood; in Bangor Mr Laird. Publick Collection

The Mod^r concluded this Synod with prayer.

Interloq^r. 1st. 1st Interloq^r.

A Letter from the Trustees of the Widows fund was read in this Interloq^r., Wherein they gave an acc^t that the present amount of that fund is £4807 : 0 : 1 : & propose that Messrs Wm Dunlap & Thos. Read, Merch^ts in Dublin, be added to the present Trustees, some of whom they say are often out of the City & Cannot attend their meetings. The Interloq^r agreed to appoint a Committee of the following Brethren, viz., Messrs Boyd, Maxwell, Moodie, Colvil, Niven, Gibson, Cherrie, Menagh, Buchannan, Campbell, Jackson & Rankin, to bring in overtures Relating to that fund, at Next Interloq^r, & Doc^r Colvil is appointed to ans^r the Trustees Letter. The Widows fund £4807 : 0 : 1.

Interloq^r. 2^d^. 2nd Interloq^r.

The members appointed to Bring in Overtures Relating to the Widows fund, Brought in the following, namely:

1st. That the Widows whose husbands died within the first five years after the commencement of this fund, shall for two years to come, have only six pounds a year; they whose husbands died after the first five years & before the meeting of this Synod, shall have eight pounds a year for said two years; & they whose husbands die after the meeting of this Synod shall have ten pounds a year for two years to come. This affair to be Reconsidered at the meeting in June, 1762. Overture 1st.

2dly. That a Letter shall be Wrote to Mr Lang by the Clerk of the Synod, Desiring him to send a particular Acc^t of the state of the fund—To whom every particular sum is lent,—at What Rate Interest is paid, how much of it is due, what sum is not yet given out upon Interest, upon what security the money is lent, & that the acc^t thereof be conveyed to the Clk of the Synod, by him to be Laid before a Committee for that purpose, to meet at Dunganon the first Tuesday in August next, whose names are as follow:—From Killyleagh Pby, Messrs Kennedy & Macomb; from Armagh, Messrs Maxwell & Jackson; 2nd Overture

from Dromore, Messrs King & Sims; from Templepatrick, Wright & Rodgers; from Ballymena, Cochran & Rankin; from Strabane, Scott & Neilson; from Rout, Smylie & Henry; from Monaghan, Ambrose & Mulligan; from Coothill, Smyth & Warnick; from Tyrone, Gibson & Duffin: from Letterkenny, Boyd & Ben: Holmes; from Derry, Harvy & Hood; from Bangor, Huey & Buchannan; from Antrim, Colvil & Campbell. If any of these members cannot attend the Pby to which he belongs is to meet *pro re nata* & appoint another in his place.

3rd Overture

3dly. When the Committee appointed to meet at Dunganon in Augt next, Receive a Letter from Mr Lang with respect to the Widows fund, they be vested with a power to give such advice to the Trustees with reference to the management thereof, as they shall see cause.

4th Overture

4^{thly}. That Messrs Moodie, Vance, Killburn, McCollum & Wight do attend the Trustees of the Widows fund at some one of their meetings, to settle the affairs thereof of which meeting M^{r} McCollum is to give Mr Moodie Timely Notice.

5th Overture

5^{thly}. That the ministers who have not Collected in 1759 & 1760 for the Widows fund, be appointed to Collect befere next Genl Synod.

These overtures were considered & approved by the Interloq^{r}.

Letter to y^{e} Trustees

Doc^{r} Collvil as appointed brought in a Letter for the Trustees of the Widows fund, which was read & approved & signed by the Mod^{r} & Clk.

The Clk of the Synod was ordered to write Mr Lang a Copy of the Interloq$^{r's}$ minutes (before he leaves this Town) relative to the Widows fund.

Collection for the Widows fund

A List of Collections was given to this Interloq^{r}, w^{c} have been made since last Genl Synod for strengthening the Widows fund; & have not been sent to Mr Lang, but are now in the hands of M^{r} McCollum by him to be Carried to Mr Lang and are as follow:

	£	s.	d.
By Mr Wallace of Tyrone Pby ..	£1	2	9
By Mr Todd of Do ..	0	11	4½
By Mr Peebles of Do	0	6	0
By Mr Hamilton of Monaghan Pby ..	0	11	5½
By Mr Fleming of Do	0	11	4½
By Mr Kennedy of Do	0	11	4½
By Mr Jackson of Do	0	11	4½
By Mr Fergie of Killyleagh Pby ..	0	11	0½
By Mr Scott of Do..	0	11	4½
By Mr Macomb of Do	0	12	0½
By Mr Dunn of Do ..	2	0	0
By Mr Smyth of Coothill Pby ..	0	3	6
By Mr Kinneer of Do	0	14	7½
By Messrs Cherrie & Maxwell one Guinea each in obedience to the Synod for not Collecting this year for ye Widows fund	£2	5	6
By Mr Patrick of Dromore Pby ..	0	11	4½
By Mr Neilson of Do	0	11	4½
By Mr King of Do ..	0	17	9
By M^{r} McClure of Do	1	2	9
By Mr Campbell of Antrim ...	11	7	6
By Mr Brown of Ballymena for two years	1	2	9

By Mr Warnick of Do	0	4	0	By Mr White senr of Do for two years. .	0	16	3
By Mr Young of Strabane Pby ..	0	6	6	By Mr Rankin of Do 2 years ..	2	0	0
By Mr Neilson of Do	0	6	6	By Mr Rowan of Bangor Pby ..	0	11	4½
By Mr Ferguson of Armagh Pby ..	0	12	10	By Buchannan of Do	1	14	1½

In all £33 8 10.

The Interloqr Inquired if the appointment in favour of Inniskilling had bsen observed, Mr Plunket iuformed them that Litle had been done in that matter; The Interloqr warmly recommended to the several Pbys to observe that appointment, & those ordered to Receive the Collection for Inniskilling & have not brought them here, are to send them with the members of the Committee to meet at Dunganon ye first Tuesday in Augt. Inniskilling

A Supplication from Moyra was presented to this Synod by Mr Mitchell, wherein they give an acct of the unhappy situation of their Congregation occasioned by an Expensive Lawsuit they are engaged in with the Seceders, who have taken forceable possession of & Detain their meeting, which was Built by Donations from the Genl Synod & pray for some assistance from this Interloqr.

The Interloqr unanimously agreed to Recommend Moyra to the Several Sessions & Congns in the Bounds of the Genl Synod yt have not already contributed to ye Releif of Moyra, & Beseech them to do it as soon as possible. Moyra

Interloqr. 3d. 3d Interloqr

The Clerk of the Synod Brought in a Letter to the Treasurer of the Widows fund, which was read and approved.

Inquiry being made if Mr White of Broughshane had Collected one pound ten shills for the Synod's fund, together wt the arrears due by his Congn to said fund, as appointed at last Synod, it appeared that nothing had been done in the matter. Mr Sims is appointed to Write Mr White on the subject, & Mr Ben: Holmes is to Write Mr Brown of Ballymena to urge Mr White & his session to fullfill the above appointment. Mr White

This Interloqr agreed that ye Clerk of the Synod shall have the addition of half fees for this year on acct of the Expenses & Trouble of purchasing a new book & Inserting All into it hitherto Concluded with respect to the Widows fund. Additional fees

The Clerk af the Synod was ordered by this Interloqr to inform Mr Lang that the Constituents of the Widows fund have no power to prevent Mr Cobham's Children, or the Children of any Deceased Minr that was a subscriber to the fund, receiving the annuity of the fund for eight years from the feather's death; but Mr Lang is to observe that where there are more Claimants than one (of which the Pby to whom Children of Decd Minrs

the Deceased did belong are to Inform him), he should send the Annuity to the Pby who are to make ye Dividend.

Clk

It was proposed & agreed to y^{t} the Clk of the Synod send to Mr Cochran for all Letters sent to the Genl Synod by the trustees of ye Widows fund, relative to it, & Insert them together w^{t} the Letters sent by them to the Synod, since he becam Clerk, into a Book now in his hands which contains an acc^{t} of ye formation & progress of that fund, & the Interloq^{r} proposed that the Clk shall receive some Gratuity at next Genl Synod for that Labour.

Apologies

Apologies were offered by some members of this Interloq^{r} in ye name of the Brethren in Dublin and the South, that were appointed to attend as Correspondents at ye Synod, for not attending. These apologies were sustained, & Mr Maxwell appointed to write to Mr Hutcheson, & M^{r} McCollum to Mr Mears, that Correspondents may be sent from Dublin & the South to our next Genl Synod at Derry, if they shall see that Convenient.

Inserted ye 23^{d} of July, 1760, by

WILL: RODGERS, G.S.C.

A Genl Synod at Londonderry, June 30th, 1761.

Mr McCollum the moderator of the preceeding Synod being indisposed, Mr Hood opened this by preaching from Rom. 9. 20. And then constituted it by prayer, after which were present from several Pbys as follows, to wit from Mr Hood

Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh Pby.	
Jno. Menogh	
Geo. Cherry	
Jno. Maxwel	
Jas. Moody	
Dromore Pby.	
Alexr. Neilson	
Jno. Smith	
Isaac Patrick	
Robt. M'Clure	
Templepatrick Pby.	
Jno. Lewson	
Wm. Rodgers	
Jno. Wright	
Thos. Read	
David Fullerton	
Wm. Montgomery	Jas. Alexander
Ballymena Pby.	
Jas. Cochran	Mr. Rt. Kirkpatrick
Jas. White	
Jno. Logue	Mr. Jno. Murray
Jno. Rainkin	Saml. Easton
Alexr. M'Mullan	Mr. Bankhead
Chars. Brown	Mr. Jno. White
Jas. Douglass	Mr. Rt. Caldwell
Jas. Cuming	Mr. Little
Strabane Pby.	
Vic. Ferguson	Mr. Jno. Orr
Jas. Smith	David Stevenson
Andw. Welsh	Thos. Matheson
Jos. Orsborn	Mr. Jno. Miller
Hu. Young	
Robt. Neilson	
Hen. Murray	

Minrs.	Elders.
Rout Pby.	
David Smylie	Jno. Neilson
Robt. Brown	
Robt. Henry	
Hu. Gaston	
Wm. Cochran	
Jos. Douglass	
Robt. Ewing	Wm. White
Jno. Simson	Mr. Wm. Watson
Jno. Camron	
Robt. Smylie	Jas. Moor
Saml. Moor	Mr. Hu. Smith
Robt. Elder	
Monaghan Pby.	
Geo. Carson	
Thos. Plunket	
Wm. Moorhead	Jas. M'Clung
Dublin Pby. none	
Coothill Pby.	
Jas. Bond	
Wm. Sproot	Saml. Watson
Jno. Warnick	
Tyrone Pby.	
Jno. Gibson	
Jas. Hull	
Wm. M'Neilly	
Jno. M'Cleland	
Jas. Whiteside	
Letterkenny Pby.	
Wm. Boyd	Mr. Jno. Marshell
David Ferly	Mr. Robt. Gray
Jno. Holmes	
Jno. Magaghy	Wm. Henderson
Wm. Willson	
Jno. Marshell	Jas. Jack
Jas. Gordon	Thos. Killbreath
Jas. Turretine	Jas. Willson
Hen. Holms	Wm. Elliot
Wm. Kallander	Mr. Saml. Patrick
Andw. Alexander	Thos. Inch
Hu. Delap	Mr. Jas. Buchannan
Wm. Burk	Mr. Wm. Harris

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Pby.		Bangor Pby.	
Andw. Ferguson	Jas. Alexander	Jos. Kinkead	
David Harvey	Jas. Moor	Jon. King	
Thos. Bond	Mr. Jas. Curry	Wm. Ray	
Jno. Lyle	Mr. Thos. Pollock		
Jno. Hood		Killyleagh Pby.	
Wm. Hare			
Jos. Reagh	Mr. Robt. Moor	Alexr. MaComb	
Robt. Huey	Jno. Maglaghan	Michl. Henry	
Saml. Patten	Wm. Dunn		
Jno. Law			

Mod^r

Mr Hood moved that one shou'd be chosen to moderate in ye Synod, The following brethren were named as a leet to wit Messrs Macomb, Patrick, Lewson, Rankin, Smith, Carson, Ja^s Bond, Hull, Gordon, Thos Bond, Smylie, King, & Mich^l Henry. The Roll was called & Mr Macomb chosen, Mr Rodgers continued Clk.

Clk

Pbys to meet

Ordered that the several Presbyteries meet this Evening and prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod, to morrow morning of their members for the Committees of overtures, Bills, Books, fund & Genl Synod's fixed committee, as also an acc^t of such ministers as have died, been ordained, Installed, licensed or entered on trials since last General Synod.

Prayer

Ordered that each Pby appoint one or more of their members to attend at Eight O'Clock to morrow morning for prayer, & that a return be made to the Mod^r of the persons appointed for that purpose this Evening or early to morrow morning, prayers to continue from eight o'clock untill ten, when open Synod shall begin; ye Session concluded w^t prayer.

2^d Session

2^d Session Wednesday at ten o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

The appointment for prayer was observed.

The Presbyteries gave in lists of their members for ye several Committees, as also the following accounts namely:

Ordained

Trials

Dead

The Pby of Ballymena have ordained Mr James Cuming at Ahoghill ye 14th of October 1760, he subscribed the Synod's formula & Widows fund. They have entered Mr Jno. Bankhead & Ja^s Read on first & Mr James Cochran on second trials. They report that Mr Ja^s White died the 24th of April 1761; he was a subscriber to the widows fund.

Trials

Dead

Strabane Pby have entered Mr Rodgers on first trials. They report that Mr Armstrong died ye 17th of May 1761; he was a subscriber to the Widows fund.

Trials

Lettkerkenny Pby have entered Mr James Knox on first trials & are about to enter Mr Jno Rodgers & Wm Cochran.

Templepatrick Pby have entered Mr Samt Barbar on first trials. Trials

Tyrone Pby report that Mr Hu: Wallace died the 16th of March, 1761, and Mr John Kennedy died the 25th of June, 1761. They were subscribers to the Widows fund. 2 dead

Bangor Pby have ordained Mr Wm Ray at Kirkdonald, June 16th, 1761. He subscribed the Synod's formula & Widows fund. They report that Mr Francis Montgomery died the 30th* 1761. He was not a subscriber to the Widows fund. Ordained Dead

The Pby of Coothill report that Mr McKee was removed from Drum to Baillyborrough the 4th of May, 1761, & died the 13th of 8d month. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund. Dead

The Pby of Dublin have ordained Mr Nickel at Ushers Quay ye 11th of Sepr, 1760 sixty. He subscribed the Synod's formula & Widows fund. Ordained

The Pby of Antrim report that Mr Gawdy died ye 13th of March 1761, he was a subscriber to the widows fund & left a widow & children. Dead

Rout Pby report ye Mr Boys died in Sepr 1760, he left children & was subscriber to ye fund.

The members of the Synods Fixed Committee are as follow: Synods Committee

For Dromore Pby Messrs King & Sims wt an Elder.

For Templepatrick Pby Messrs Lewson & Fullerton wt an Elder.

For Monaghan Pby Messrs Plunket & Warnick wt an Elder.

For Tyrone Pby Messrs Todd & White with an Elder.

For Killyleagh Pby Messrs Kennedy & Dunn with an Elder.

For Ballymena Pby Messrs Brown & Rankin wt an Elder.

For Rout Pby Messrs Smylie & Henry with an Elder.

For Letterkenny Pby Messrs Ben: Holms & Delap wt an Elder.

For Derry Pby Messrs Ferguson & Harvy wt an Elder.

For Strabane Pby Messrs Scott & Neilson with an Elder.

For Armagh Pby Messrs Maxwell & Jackson wt an Elder.

For Bangor Pby Messrs Kennedy & Buchannan wt an Elder.

No return from Dublin & Coothill Pbys.

These with our Modr & Clk are to meet at Dunganon when called by the Modr on any Emergency, 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least to be Ministers. Dunganon

The Synod inquired if the fund money due Mrs Orr had been paid & found it was not, the Pby of Tyrone are enjoined to use all possible diligence in raising said arrear, & are to pay it as as soon as in their power. Mrs Orr

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* Month omitted.

Next Synod

Resolved that the time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now. The question was put, meet at Dunganon or Antrim, & it carried by a great majority to meet at Antrim the last Tuesday in June 1762. Sermon to begin five o'clock afternoon.

Buckna

Upon reading the recommendation of last Synod in favour of Buckna, inquiry was made if the members appointed to receive the Collections in the several Pbys & transmit them to Mr Brown at Ballymena, to be forewarded to Buckna, had observed that appointment, & it appeared that very little had been done in that matter.

Synods fund

The Synod after attentively considering the above affair, Resolved that as many members as are so minded may raise collections in favour of Buckna, and the Pby of Ballymena are appointed to urge Congn of Buckna to do justice to the Widow Gordon, in case it shall appear to to them, justice has not already been done her by that people.

The affairs of the Synods fund to be considered afterwards:

Mr Erskine

The Pby of Rout reported that in obedience to last Genl Synod they met at Newtonlamavady, polled that Congregation, & found one hundred & fifty seven of its members unwilling that Mr Erskine shou'd continue any longer their Minister, & sixty two for his continuing; that Pby also informed this Synod that Mr Erskine proposed once to demit but by the solicitations of a friend appeared determined to continue; it was proposed & agreed to that this affair shou'd be reconsidered at the first Interloqr.

Mr Kinkead

Mr Kinkead informed this Synod that he & his Congn were subjected to ye care of the Pby of Bangor.

Venecash & Loghgall

The affair of Venecash & Loghgall refered to the Committee of funds.

American Minrs

This Synod inquired if the appointment of last in favour of the American Ministers & their families has been observed, & it appeared that in the Presbytery of Armagh consisting of eight Congregations only, fifty one pounds three shills & eight pence halpenny had been collected for the above purpose; In Dromore Pby, about thirty pounds; In the Pby of Derry, fourty seven pounds, the recd of wc sum Col: Dunn acknowledged in a letter to Mr Hood; In Letterkenny Pby, fifty seven pounds 3s 4½d. Some members of the Pby of Templepatrick said they had collections with them. The Clerk of the ——* was ordered to receive these & give them to Mr White who was appointed to transmit the Collections of that Pby to Col. Dunn :—No particular accd from the rest of the Pbys.

The Synod enjoined the Minrs that have not collected for the American Minrs to do it soon & send their collections to Col. Dunn.

Mr Murray

Mr John Murray produced very ample credentials of his being Licensed to preach the Gospel by the Northumberland class of Protestant dissenting Ministers, which, by a large certificate from the Pby of Edenbrough, appear to have been sustained by them, these

* Word omitted.

credentials were also sustained by this Synod, & Mr Murray allowed to subject himself to any Pby in the bounds of the Genl Synod he pleases.

Adjourned untill 5 o'clock afternoon. This Session concluded wt prayer.

3d *Session Wednesday at 5 o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.* 3d Session

A Supplication from the Congregation of Glennoan was presented to this Synod by Robt Simson & other Commissioners, in which they complain that the settlement of Mr James Cochran, to whom their Congregation subscribed a call a considerable time ago, has been too long delayed, & pray that this Synod wou'd give orders to the Pby of Ballymena to ordain him to be their Minister, as soon as may be consistent wt their Rules. Glennoan

A Supplicatoin from another party in said congregation, was laid before this Synod by Jno. Davidson, Wm Simson, & other Commrs, in wc they complain that the call to Mr Cochran was subscribed by several persons that had no right to call a Minister to that Congregation, & intreat that this Synod wou'd be pleased to order the Pby of Ballymena, not to ordain him to be their Minister: for that there were one hundred & eighty of their Congn, who propose to pay twenty eight pounds yearly stipend, against his settlement there;—The minutes of the Pby of Ballymena relative to the above affair, were read & the members of that Pby were heard, by wc it appeared that when the Congn of Glennoan were polled, one hundred & twenty three were for Mr Cochran to be Minister of that Congregation; & one hundred & nine for two other Candidates, & that after debating the matter for some time, both parties agreed to leave the determination to the Genl Synod.

The Commrs from both parties being heard at large, the Synod resolved that the following brethren to wit, Messrs Smylie & Henry from the Pby of Rout, Mr Caldwell from Tyrone, & Messrs Wright, White, & Read from the Pby of Templepatrick, shall meet as correspondents with the Pby Ballymena, the first Tuesday in August next, at Glennoan, poll that Congregation, & if there be two thirds in men & money for Mr Cochran's settlement in said [Congregation] the Correspondents & Pby of Ballymena shall determine whether Mr Cochran may be advised to accept said call or not; Mr Cochran is to supply that Congregation as often as the Pby of Ballymena shall judge proper untill their meeting:—The parties were called this resolution read to them & they acquiesed.

A Supplication from the congregation of Bangor was presented to this Synod by Mr Jno. King, in which they request that Mr Kyle from the Pby of Derry, Mr Hull from Tyrone, & Mr Plunket from the Pby of Monaghan, be appointed to supply that Congn the months of Augt, Sepr, & 8ber next, & liberty granted them to apply for other Suppliers (if they see cause) untill next meeting of yc Genl Synod. Bangor

The Pby of Derry at the intstance of some Gentlemen from Colerain made their request, that Mr Kyle shou'd not be appointed to Bangor

at this time. This request was granted, & Mr Hull appointed to supply Bangor the month of Sepr & Mr Plunket the month of 8ber next, & liberty given that Congregn to apply for any other Suppliers they may desire untill next Genl Synod.

Mr Mackay

Some members of the Synod observed that a considerable arrear Stipend was due to the Revd Mr Mackay by the congregation of Bangor. The Synod unanimously agreed to give the Pby of Bangor strict orders not to proceed in the settlement of any Minr in Bangor, until Mr Mackay be paid.

Mr Alexander

The Commr from Bangor, after Mr Kyle was set aside, requested that Mr Alexander from Letterkenny Pby be appointed to supply that Congn the month of Augt next. This was granted.

Mr Gordon

Mr Gordon complained to this Synod that the Pby of Coothill had ordained a Minr at Castleblainny, tho' a considerable arrear of stipend was due him by that Congn. The Synod enjoined the Pby of Coothill to do all in their power to see justice done Mr Gordon by that people.

Adjourned untill eleven o'clock to-morrow morning. Interloqr at nine. This Session oonculded with prayer.

4th Session

4th Session. Thursday, at Eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

Marriage

A Letter from the Revd Mr Thompson of Makasky was read in in this Synod, wherein he complained that some Minrs in his neighbourhood have gone into a practice of marrying people without proclamation—a practice yery inconsistent with the rules of this Church. Some members of this Synod observed that it was reported of ministers in other parts that they had gone into the like practice.

This Synod unanimously agreed that the several Pbys shou'd call their members to an account, & censure by suspension for some time (if any there be) such as are guilty of this irregularity, & do hereby enjoin all their members to marry none without proclamation, paying a due regard to an act made for that purpose by ye G. Synod, 1755, & also that they rebuke publickly before their congregation, such as are married, especialy without the consent of their parents or guardians, by persons that marry in an irregular manner.

Dromore Pby

Some members of Dromore Pby proposed that their Pby shou'd be disannexed from the Subsynod of Ballymena & annexed to the Subsynod of Belfast. The consideration of this defered untill next Genl Synod.

Adjourned untill four o'clock afternoon. Interloqr at six.

This Session concluded wt prayer.

5th Session

5th Session Thursday, at four o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

Synod's Fund

Resolved, that the committee to whom the affairs of the Synod's fund were committed, shou'd be called upon to give an acct of that fund, & Inquiry being made, it was found they had done no business relating

to it since the meeting of this Synod. It was therefore agreed that a committee of the following Brethren, to wit, Messrs Macomb, Cherry, Gibson, Ferguson, Neilson, & Mulligan, shou'd meet at Mountnorris the 27th 8ber next, to inspect into the state of that fund & make such regulations for strengthening it as to them shall appear necessary.

Mr Higginbothom

Application was made to this Synod by Mr Andw Ferguson in the name of the Revd Mr Higginbothom & his congregation, requesting that he & they may be put under the care of the Revd Pby of Derry. Inquiry was made if the Pby of Ballymena of wc Mr Higginbothom is a member, were satisfied that he & his congn shou'd be disannexed from them & annexed to the Pby of Derry, & it appeared they were satisfied. The request granted.

The Modr. concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st Interloqr

1st *Interloqr*.

Mr Erskine

Resolved, that the affair of Mr Erskine's demission be considered now. Several members of the Interloqr represented him as in very distresing circumstances, being grievously afflicted, & that there is great probability he will soon be removed out of this world. The Interloqr agreed to refer this affair to the Pby of Rout, & gave it as their opinion that it is Mr Erskine's duty & interest, in his present situation, to demit; and accordingly ordered that Pby to recommend it warmly to him to demit, & to use their best endeavours to make the remainder of Life as comfortable to him as in their power.

Inniskilling

Inquiry was made if the Collections for Inniskilling had been raised according to the appointment, several members paid at the Interloqr, & it was warmly recommended to the brethren appointed to receive these collections, & who have not paid them now or formerly, that they use diligence in raising them & send them as soon as possible to Mr Plunket.

2d Interloqr

2d *Interloqr*.

Messrs Elder Colvill & Mackay attended as Correspondents from the Revd Pby of Antrim.

Committee at Dunganon

The Committee met at Dunganon in Augt last as appointed, the minutes thereof were read approved & are as follow:

A Committee at Dunganon Augt 5th 1760, the members of which were as follow, to wit Messrs William Boyd, Ben: Holms, Jno. King, Saml Sims, Jno: Maxwell, Alexr Macomb, Jno. Wright, Pat Buchanan, Jno. Rankin, Wm Smyth, Jno. Warnick, Jno. Gibson, Adam Duffin and Alexr Colvill; besides these the following Minrs attended, to wit Messrs Jno. Kennedy, Geo. Cherry, Jas Moody, Geo: Ferguson & Jas Hull.

Mr Boyd chosen Chairman, Mr Gibson Clerk.

The minute of the Synod with respect to the widows fund was read, Mr Lang our Treasurer from Dublin attended the committee, &

laid before us a more particular state of the fund than formerly was given to the Synod; the Committee having proposed some questions in order to get light into said affair, & having seriously considered the state of the fund, came to the following resolutions.

1st Resolution

1st. It is the opinion of this Committee, that the Trustees of the Widows fund have taken great pains in the management thereof, & acted with great integrity, for which thanks ought to be returned in our names, in a letter wrote to that purpose by Mr Jno. Maxwell.

2d

2d. That all the money lent out & not in the hands of the Government, be called in as soon as is convenient & lent to the Government.

3d

3d. That application be made for obtaining a Charter, & that Alexr Stewart, Jas Dunn, Jno. Blackwood, Arthur Upton, Esqrs, Docr Geo: Maconchy, Mr Jas Adair, Mr Richd Bamber, Mr Thos Read, & the following Minrs Messrs Wm Boyd, Jno. Maxwell, Gilbt Kennedy, Jas Moody, Dav: Harvy, Pat: Buchannan, John Wight, & William Niven be Trustees in case a charter be obtained, Messrs Cherry, Maxwell & Harvy do apply (as soon as is convenient), to the Lords Justices & take such steps as they shall judge proper for obtaining a Charter, & the expences attending ye prosecution of said affair to be paid by the Synod & Pby of Antrim, out of the widows fund, as also that they go to Dublin for that end before the 1st of 8ber next.

4th

4th. That Mr Lang our Treasurer give security to Mr Maxwell or Mr Harvy for the Kings bounty.

Mr Bruce

The Interloqr resolved that Mr Mackay write to the Revd Mr Bruce, that if it be not convenient for him to pay the money due by his uncle's note, into the hands of the Trustees for the widows fund, he may take care to have it & the interest due upon it properly secured.

In pursuance of the Committee's appointment that met at Dunganon in Augt last, Messrs Maxwell & Harvy went to Dublin in Novemr, applyed to the Lord Justices to obtain a Charter for the widows fund, got promises that their interests wou'd be used in favour of it, & conducted the whole affair with such prudence & Diligence, that the Interloqr unanimously agreed thanks ought to be returned them in our names. & accordingly the Modr thanked them in the name of the Interloqr.

Primate

Messrs Maxwell & Harvy were appointed to write a letter to the Primate intreating him to accept the thanks of the protestant dissenting ministers at their annual meeting, who are the constituents of the Widows fund for the encouragement his Grace was pleased to give their application for a Charter, & the regard he expressed for the protestant dissenters in Ireland.

Mr Wight

Mr Maxwell is to write Mr Wight of Dublin to use his best endeavours to bring forward the affair of the Charter with the Primate as speedily as may be & if it shall appear to Mr Wight that quickening fees to the Attry Genl & Solicitor Genl be necessary, he is to apply to Mr Lang for ten guineas & give five to each of them.

The Interloq^{r} resolved that Messrs Maxwell & Harvy be vested and accordingly do vest these brethren with a power of manageing the affair of procuring a Charter, in the intervals of the Genl Synod, as they shall judge proper, & they have a power to Call a Committee or assistants if they shall see that needful. Messrs Maxwell & Harvey

3^{d} *Interloq^{r}.* 3d Interloq^{r}

A letter from the trustees of the Widows fund was read in this Interloq^{r} by which it appeared that the amount of that fund is £5,271 5 1½; this Letter & abstract of the state of the fund sent by the trustees to be inserted in the Widows fund book. Mr Mackay appointed to ans^{r} the trustees letter. Fund £5271. 5. 1½.

The great increase of annuitants upon the fund this year inclined the Interloq^{r} to recommend it warmly to ye constituents to make collections in their several congregations, after giving previous notice before next Genl Synod. Collections

And as it was observed that the Pby of Bangor have generally omitted making collections for a considerable time, Messrs Moodie, Kennedy & Jackson are to attend that Pby at some one of their meetings & use their interests & influence to persuade them to make Collections in all their Congregations before next Genl Synod, & Mr Boyd is to write Mr Laird to that purpose.

It was proposed and agreed to that his Majesty king George shou'd be addressed in the name of the Presbyterian Ministers of the northern association at their annual meeting, in behalf of themselves, & all others of their denominations, & Messrs Wm Boyd, Alex^{r} Colvill, Ja^{s} Mackay, Andw. Ferguson, David Harvy, Jno. Maxwell & Jno. Hood were appointed to draw up an address against next Interloq^{r}.

4th *Interloq^{r}.* 4th Interloq^{r}

The following collections for strengthening the Widows fund were brought to this Interloq^{r} & deposited in the hands of Mr Boyd by him to be transmitted to Mr Lang, the trustees secretary. Collections

Letterkenny Pby.				In Monaghan Pby.			
Mr Jno. Magaghy ..	£0	4	10½	Mr Moorhead ..	£2	5	5
M^{r} Hu. Delap 2 y^{rs} ..	2	0	7½	Mr Thos Plunket ..	1	0	0
Mr Ferly ..	0	13	1	Mr Warwick, Coothill Pby ..	0	8	10
Mr Ben: Holms 2 y^{rs}	1	10	0	Mr Douglass, B.mena Pby ..	0	11	4½
Mr Jno. Marshall 2 y^{rs}	1	10	4	Mr Reagh, Derry Pby	1	17	0
Mr Callender ..	0	5	5	Mr Gibson, Tyrone Pby ..	0	14	9
Mr Ja^{s} Turretine ..	0	8	3				
Mr Andw. Alexander	0	15	3				
Mr Wm Boyd ..	0	11	4½				
Mr Wm Burk ..	1	10	0				

In all £15 18 8.

Letter to Trustees

Mr Mackay as appointed brought in the draught of a Letter to the trustees of the Widows fund, which was read & approved & signed by the Moderator & Clerk.

Addres-

The brethren appointed to bring in the Draught of an address to his Majesty king George, brought in the following which was read and approved by the Interloqr.

TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The humble Address of the Pbyn Ministers of the Northern Association in Ireland.

May it please your Majesty,

With hearts full of veneration for the memory of yr Royal grandfather under whose auspicious reign these nations enjoyed many invaluable blessings, we your Majesty's most dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Presbyterian Ministers, of the Northern Association in Ireland, take this first oppertunity of our annual meeting to congratulate your Majesty, on your happy accession to the throne of your ancestors, and to express our unfeigned affection and inviolable attachment to yr Majesty's person and Goverment.

When we behold a prince of the house of Hanover again ascending the throne of these kingdoms, a prince so happily endowed by nature, formed by education & so early distinguished by his abilities for goverment, & a paternal care of his people, the highest sentiments of reverence & esteem possess our hearts, & the most pleasing & joyful prospects rise to our view.

Yr Majesty's seasonable proclamation for the suppressing of vice & encouragement of virtue must endear you to all good men & enforced by so great an example have a most salutary & extensive influence, & draw down the blessing of heaven upon your reign.

The Royal assurances so graciously & freely given that you will support our present happy constitution, the tender regard you have been pleased to express for the rights of conscience, & your resolution to maintain the toleration inviolable, have greatly added to all former ties of duty and gratitude & laid us as protestant dissenters under peculiar obligations.

For these & other testimonies of your royal favour and Goodness, the most suitable returns which persons in our situation can make, is a most assiduous care to propagate just sentiments of piety & social virtue & to inculcate principles of the strictest fidelity & attachment to your Majesty's person & Goverment, by which conduct it shall ever be our highest ambition to merit the continuance of your Majesty's countenance & protection.

Your Majesty's protestant dissenting subjects in the north of Ireland, are a numerous body, the main strength of the protestant Interest in this part of the Kingdom, of well-known Zeal for the

succession in your illustrious house; and as our Ancestors in times of danger have always been ready to sacrifice their lives and fortunes in its defence and support, we beg leave to assure your Majesty that nothing shall be wanting on our part to cherish & cultivate the same loyal & hereditary spirit.

Permit us, great Sir, with the rest of our fellow-subjects in the sincerest & warmest manner, to congratulate your Majesty on y^r Late important conquest of Belleisle, w^c has reflected so much honour on the beginning of your reign.

That in the prosecution of this most just & necessary war the Lord of hosts, to whom victory doth belong, may crown your Majesty's arms with still greater & more remarkable success, until your enemies are brought to listen to just & honourable terms of peace. That your Majesty may long live to be the darling & happy prince of an affectionate & loyal people, the ornament and support of the protestant interest, & the Guardian of the rights and liberties of mankind, is & ever shall be the Earnest prayer of—

May it please your Majesty,

Y^r Majesty's

Most dutiful, most faithful,
& loyal Subjects,

The Ministers of the Pby^n
Denomination in the
north of Ireland,

Subscribed at Londonderry, July 3^d, 1761, by

ALEX^R. MACOMB, Mod^r.

The Interloq^r agreed to recommend it warmly to the constituents of the Widows fund, that they make the scheme & Circumstances of that fund, an object of their serious attention, and make any new regulations that to them may appear necessary to be made at their meeting in 1762, when that affair is to be reconsidered. Fund

Resolved that the Genl Synod at their anual meeting shall appoint a special committee to inspect into the papers and acc^ts sent by the trustees of the Widows fund & Mr Lang our treasurer, that these matters, through hurry of Synodical business, may not be neglected, as sometimes is the case: the Committee of Overtures are judged proper persons for that purpose. Special Committee

The precedent of a Memorial to their Excellencies the Lord^s Justices Genl & Genl Governors of Ireland, & letter of att^ry to our agent for receiving the King's Bounty, to be inserted into the Widows fund book, for this & the labour of inserting all letters sent by the trustees to the constituents of the Widows fund since its Commencement the Clerk of the Synod is to receive the addition of half fees. Memorial Addition of fees

Inserted by

WILL: RODGERS: G:S:C:

8ber 22^d, 1761.

A Genl. Synod at Antrim, June 29th, 1762.

Mr Macomb the Mod^r of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from 1 Tim: 1. 5. & then constituted it by prayer, after which were present from the several Presbyteries as follows, to wit from

Minrs.	Elders.
Dromore Pby.	
Jno. King	Jno. Sproot
John Thomson	Allen M'Cree
Alexr. Neilson	Hu: Kelso
Wm. Henry	Robt. M'Murday
Jno. Smith	Jno. Harshy
Isaac Patrick	Hu. Gill
Robt. M'Clure	Saml. Petterson
Templepatrick Pby.	
Wm. Thompson	Hu. Finly
Wm. Henderson	
Jno. Lewson	
Wm. Rodgers	Hen. Willson
Jno. Wright	Jas. Gray
Robt. White	Saml. Birnie
Thos. Read	
David Fullerton	
Jos. Dumbar	David Willson
Wm. Montgomery	Jas. Boyd
Ballymena Pby.	
Jno. Brown	Jno. M'Creight
Jas. Cochran	Jno. Armstrong
Jas. White	Wm. Henderson
Jno. Rankin	Wm. Holms
Allexr. M'Mullan	Walt. Wright
Chas. Brown	Alexr. Brown
Jos. Douglas	Robt. Stewart
Jas. Cuming	Jno. Ker
Strabane Pby.	
Jos. Osborn	
Robt. Neilson	
Rout Pby.	
David Smylie	Jno. Neilson
Robt Brown	Ben. Brown
Gidn. Neilson	
Robt. Henry	
Hu. Gaston	
Jno. Smith	
Jos. Douglass	Wm. Lynd
Robt. Ewing	
Robt. Elder	Wm. Orr
Jas. Camron	
Robt. Smylie	Thos. Boyd
Robt. Scott	
Killyleagh Pby.	
Thos. Scott	
Gil. Kennedy	
Alexr. Macomb	Jas. M'Kanless
Jas. Armstrong	
Michl. Henry	
Jno. Strong	Alexr. Kinly
Wm. Dunn	
Jno. Williamson	
Dublin Pby.	
Robt. Nickel	
Monaghan Pby.	
Wm. Ambrose	
Thos. Boyl	
Jas. Hamilton	
Saml. Kennedy	
Coothill Pby.	
Wm. Smith	
Jas. Kinneer	
Tyrone Pby.	
Jno. Gibson	
Chas. Caldwell	
Jas. Todd	Petter May
Jno. White	Robt. Speer
Jas. Hull	Edwd. Patteson
Wm. Kennedy	
Jno. M'Clelland	
Jas. Whiteside	
Letterkenny Pby.	
Wm. Boyd	
Wm. Willson	
Jas Turetine	
Ben. Holms	Jno. Eliot
Derry Pby.	
Jno. Hood	
Saml. Patten	
Arthur Kyle	Jas. Haslet

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh Pby.		Bangor Pby.	
Jno. Menagh		Andw. Malcolm	Robt. Tanahill
Geo. Cherrie		Jno. Moorhead	
Jno. Maxwell		Hu. Dickson	
Jas. Moodie		Saml. Allexander	Wm. Busby
Geo. Ferguson	Mathew Bell	Jas. Huey	Jno. Boyd
Hen. Jackson		Jos. Kinkead	Robt. Brynan
		Wm. Laird	Jno. Brown
		Wm. Warnick	
		Richd. Walker	
		Wm. Rowan	Jas. Neilson
		Jno. King	Jas. M'Ferran
		Wm. Ray	

Mr Macomb moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following brethren were named as a leet to wit: Messrs Neilson, Henry, Wm Thompson, Lewson, Rankin, Osborn, Smylie, Camron, Hamilton, Smyth, Turetine, Patton, Dickson, Armstrong, Dunn, Jackson & Caldwell. The Roll was Called & Mr Caldwell chosen. Modr.

Mr Rodgers continued Clerk. Clk.

Ordered that the several Pbys meet this evening & prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to morrow morning of their members, for the Committees of overtures, Bills, Books, fund & Gen1 Synod's fixed Committee, as also an account of such Minrs as have died, been ordained, Installed, Licensed or entered on trials, since last Gen1 Synod. Pbys to meet

Ordered that each Pby appoint one or more of their members to attend at Eight o'clock to morrow morning for prayer, & that a return be made to the Modr of the persons appointed, this evening or early to morrow morning: prayer to continue from eight o'clock until ten, when open Synod shall begin. Prayer

This Sessn concluded wt prayer.

2d *Session Wednesday at ten o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.* 2d Session

The appointment for prayer was observed.

The Pbys gave in lists of their members for the several committees as also the following acctn nameiy:

The Pby of Dromore report that Mr Robt Gordon died the 10th of April 1762. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund. Dead

The Pby of Ballymena have licensed Messrs Jno. Bankhead & Jas Read. They both subscribed according to order, & they have entered Messrs George Richey & Jno. Egleson on 1st trials. Licensed

The Pby of Templepatrick have licensed Mr Saml Barbar. He subscribed according to order & have entered Mr Jas Beggs on 1st trials. On trials

Licensed
On trials

Strabane Pby have Licensed Mr Rodgers; he subscribed according to order. They have entered Mr Jas Torbet on first trials.

Ordained

Rout Pby have ordained Mr Robt Scott in the united Congns of Dunnean & Graings, the 28th of this Inst. He subscribed the Synod's formula & Widows fund. They report that Mr Wm Cochran of Dunbo gave up his Congn in April last, & conformed to the established Church & yt Mr Erskine demitted his charge of Newtonlemavady in 8ber, 1761.

Ordained

Coothill Pby have ordained Mr Jno Mathewson at Baillyborough the 10th of Febry, 1762. He subscribed the Synod's formula & Widows fund.

Dead
2d trials

Tyrone Pby Report that Mr Peebles died the 31st of July, 1761. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund. They have entered Mr Hogg on 2nd trials.

Licensed

Letterkenny Pby have licensed Mr Jas Knox & entered Mr Jno Rodgers on 1st trials.

Dead
Ordained

Derry Pby Report that Mr Thos Strabridge died the 2d of April, 1762 & Mr Jno Cochran the 21st of June, 1762. They ordained Mr Kyle at Colerain ye 23d of Sepr, 1761. He subscribed according to order; and they have licensed Mr Jacob Davis & entered him on 2d trials.

Licensed
On 2d trials

Licensed

Bangor Pby have licensed Mr Thos Stewart. He subscribed the Synod's forumla.

Armagh Pby have licensed Mr Jas Bryson. He subscribed according to order.

Synod's Committee

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as follows:

For Dromore Pby, Messrs King & Sims wt an Elder.

For Templepatrick Pby, Messrs Lewson & Fullerton with an Elder.

For Ballymena Pby, Messrs Jno Brown & Rankin with an Elder.

For Strabane Pby, Messrs Scott & Neilson wt an Elder.

For Rout Pby, Messrs Scott & Elder with an Elder.

For Monaghan Pby, Messrs Ambrose & Hamilton wt an Elder.

For Tyrone Pby, Messrs Gibson & White with an Elder.

For Coothill Pby, Messrs Smith & Kinneer with an Elder.

For Letterkenny Pby, Messrs Ben: Holmes & Alexander wt an Elder.

For Derry Pby, Messrs Ferguson & Hood wt an Elder.

For Bangor Pby, Messrs Kennedy & Buhanan wt an Elder.

For Armagh Pby, Messrs Jackson & Campbell wt an Elder.

For Dublin no return.

For Killyleagh Pby, Messrs Kennedy & Dunn & an Elder.

These with our Mod^{r} & Clk are to meet at Dunganon when called by the Moderator on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 at least are to be Ministers. Dunganon

Inquiry was made if the arrear of the fund due Mrs Orr be paid, Messrs Menagh, Huey & Walker are to attend the Pby of Tyrone & see what has been done in that matter since last Genl Synod, & make report to morrow morning. Mrs Orr

A letter from Mr Erskine was read wherein he signifies his demission of the charge of Newtonlamavaddy, complains that an arrear of nine pounds & sixteen bowels of oats was due him by that Congregation, & intreats that this Synod wou'd enjoin the Pby of Rout not to fix a Min^{r} in Newtonlamavaddy until s^{d} arrear be discharged. Mr Erskine

The Synod recommended to the Pby of Rout to inquire into & see Justice done in that matter.

The several Pbys were ordered to give an acc^{t}, if the appointments of the proceeding Synods with reference to the American Ministers have been observed, & it appears that besides the acct^{s} returned to last Genl Synod, some of the Pby of Templepatrick have sent their Collections by Mr White to Col: Dunn. Mr White being now absent is to give an acc^{t} of these Collections afterwards, & the members in that Pby that have not Collected are enjoined to do it soon & give the money to Mr White to be transmitted to Col: Dunn. American Min^{rs}

Mr Brown is to receive the Collections in Ballymena Pby and send them to Col: Dunn.

No acc^{t} from Strabane Pby.

Mr Robt Smylie produced a letter from Col. Dnnn wherein he acknowledges the rec^{t} of £28 5 11 from the Pby of Rout.

Mr Nickell informed the Synod that Mr Beatty from America by personal application to the people in Dublin, & a Collection of 18^{ll} some shill^{s} from Ushers Quay had rec^{d} (according to the best information) the sum of £120 st^{rl}.

Mr Hamilton informed the Synod that he raised a Collection & sent it to Col: Dunn, & some others in Monaghan Pby collected he cou'd not say how much; he is ordered to remind the members in that Pby who have not collected to raise Collections soon, & send them to him to be transmitted to Col: Dunn.

The Pby of Tyrone report that all their members Collected, & the money was remitted to Col. Dunn, the sum they cou'd not ascertain:— Mr Laird informed the Synod that about Seventy Seven £ st^{rl} had been rec^{d} in the Pby of Bangor & sent to Col. Dunn, he is ordered to remind those in that Pby that have not collected to do it as soon as possible.

Mr Dunn reports that he remitted about Seventeen p^{ds} to Col. Dunn, from Killyleagh Pby for w^{c} he has his rec^{t}, some of their members have not yet Collected, these he is to remind to do it soon & send the money to him to be transmitted to Col. Dunn.

Mr Murray

Upon reading the minutes of last Genl Synod with reference to Mr Murray's Credentials, it appeared by several members of this Synod, that the certificate we he produced from Edenborough was forged; some time ago he left this Country, & the Synod unanimously agreed to Dismiss him from our Community, & accordingly ordered all their members to do so; ye Pby of Ballymena report yt they did not employ him to preach wt them for some time past.

Glennoan

The Pby of Ballymena wt Correspondents met at Glennoan as appointed, Mr Cochran gave up the call he had from that Congn, wc issued the debates about his settlement there.

Bangor

Upon reading the minutes of last Genl Synod with reference to the instructions given the Pby of Bangor concerning an arrear of Stipend charged the Congregation of Bangor by Mr Mackay, & having heard the Pby & some Gentlemen from that place, this Synod resolved, that the congregation of Bangor shall chuse one Gentleman and Mr Mackay another, who are to meet at Bangor on Monday 26th July next, & settle the accompts between them & him, & if the Arbitrators cannot agree they are to chuse an umpire who is to determine the affair, & they are to give their Determination in writing within eight days after they meet to Mr Laird, & as it has been alledged that some of the arrear (if any there be) has become insolvent by Mr Mackay's negligence, the arbitrators are to Determine that also.

It was proposed & agreed to by the Gentlemen from Bangor & Mr Maxwell in the name of Mr Mackay, that Hen: Warren Esqr of Bangor & Dav. Frans Hamilton of Craigavad shall be the arbitrators; & it was farther agreed that in case Mr Mackay declines to give attendance on the day appointed for the arbitrators to meet, the Pby of Bangor may proceed to the settlement of Bangor Congregation.

Mr Gordon

Mr Macomb reports that he is credibly informed, that Mr Gordon & the congregation of Castleblainey settled the affair of the arrear charged by him at last Genl Synod.

Comttee at Mountnorriss

Mr Macomb informed this Synod that the Committee appointed to meet at Mountnorriss to Inspect into the state of the Synods fund did not meet, the appointment was renewed, & the following Brethren to wit Messrs Cherrie, Gibson, Macomb, King, Ferguson, Neilson, & Mulligan are enjoined to meet at Mountnorriss the 21st of July next, and make such regulations for strengthening sd fund as to them shall appear necessary.

Adjourned until five o'clock afternoon. Interloqr at three, this Session concluded wt prayer.

3d Session

3d Session Wednesday, at five o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

It was agreed that the time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now, the question was put, meet at Antrim or Lurgan, ye Roll called & it carried to meet at Lurgan ye last Tuesday in June 1763. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

A Supplication was presented to this Synod by Joseph Haslet, in which he intreats that the Congregation of Ballykelly may be enjoined to pay an arrear Stipend they owe their former Min^r his son. Mr Haslet

A Supplication from Ballykelly also presented by Messrs Sam McClelland & Jno. Giffin Comm^rs, wherein they offer several exceptions against the arrear charged on them by Mr Jos: Haslet, & pray that this Synod wou'd not insist upon the payment of s^d arrear, Mr Haslet & the Comm^rs being heard at large, the Synod resolved with the consent of the Comm^rs that nine months Stipend shall be deducted out of the arrear, & the Cong^n are to pay the remainder to Mr Joseph Haslet, & in case s^d arrear be not paid or secured, the Pby of Derry are not to fix a Min^r in that Cong^n. Ballykelly

From Loghgall a Supplication was presented to this Synod by Tobias Gillespy, intreating that the fund money formerly granted them by the Genl Synod may be continued. Loghgall

From Venecash a Supplication was also presented by Peter May, intreating that the Localities appointed by the Genl Synod to pay fund money to that Congn, & who have been negligent in doing it may be enjoined to fullfil that appointment. Venecash

The Committee appointed to meet at Mountnorriss are enjoined to take the case of these two Cong^ns under consideration, & make an equal division of the Localities appointed to pay them fund money.

A Supplication from Mrs Peebles (in w^c she complains that a considerable arrear of the fund is due her) was also presented to this Synod, & prays that the deficiencies of last year may be enquired into, & the Localities appointed her husband be enjoined to pay her the whole of this year. This refered to the Pby of Tyrone. Mrs Peebles

Adjourned until 12 o'clock to morrow, y^s Session concluded w^t prayer.

4th Session Thursday at 12 o'clock, after prayer, &c. 4th Sess^n.

Mr White now informs the Synod that he rec^d & transmitted to Dublin £16 : 19 : 5½ from the Pby of Templepatrick for ye American Min^rs.

A Supplication from Messrs Jno. White & Alex^r Brown of Broughshane was read in this Synod, wherein they complain that they & others in that Cong^n are in danger of being agrieved by persons w^t them able to pay Stipend & neglect to do it, & request that this Synod wou'd be pleased to order the Pby of Ballymena to visit that Cong^n & see justice done their Min^r, & also to give such other directions to them as may appear needful. Broughshane

The Synod unanimously agreed to grant this Supplication, and that the desired visitation Pby may be the more useful, have appointed the following Brethren to wit Mr Ewing from Rout Pby, & Mr Montgomery from Templepatrick to meet as correspondents at Broughshane w^t the Pby of Ballymena, that Pby giving them timely

notice when they meet: Mr Cochran change pulpits wt Mr Brown next Lords Day, & inform that Congn of this Resolution, and the Pby with correspondents are particularly to instruct the Managers & Session of Broughshane Congn, that with respect to persons in considerable arrear Stipend & able to pay it, they ought to proceed wt such as justice & the rules of our discipline direct.

Caple Street

Mr Nickel in the name of Mr McCollum & the Congn of Caple Street, applyed for liberty to send for such suppliers within the bounds of the Genl Synod as they shall desire until next Synod. This granted.

Mrs Gordon

Mrs Gordon presented a petition to this Synod, praying that contributions may be raised in such congregations as have not yet contributed for reimbursing a considerable sum her husband laid out for building the meeting house of Buckna.

This Synod agreed to renew the appointments of last with respect to the widow Gordon, and as information has been given that justice was not done her by some members of Buckna Congn. The Pby of Ballymena are ordered to use their influence with such persons to bring to do Justice.

Mr McCullogh

The Revd Mr McCullogh from Scotland was requested to sit & vote as a member with us & he consented to do it.

Adjourned until 6 o'clock afternoon. Interloqr at 4. Concluded wt prayer:

5th Session

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Review

On review of the minute of a former Session with reference to Ballykelly, it was agreed that the Pby of Derry (after deducting nine months Stipend out of the arrear charged upon that Congn) shou'd setle the acctt between them & Jos: Haslet.

Mr Murray

Mr Jno. Murray admitted as a preacher at last Genl Synod, & mentioned in a former Session of this one as not having been employed by the Pby of Ballymena appeared now, & by a long representation, complained of being injured by sd Pby. The Synod heard him and that Pby, & it appeared to them by a letter from the Revd Doc. Geo: Wishart, one of the Ministers of Edenbrough, whose name is subscribed to Mr Murray's certificate to the Revd Mr Jno. Brown, & by another from the Revd Mr Jno. Gawdy Minrs of Pennecuick in North Britain, as also one testified to have been recd by the Revd Mr Mackay from Docr Lickman principal of the University of Glasgow, that the certificate on wc the sd Mr Murray had been admitted by sd Synod was forged. This Synod in consideration of the premises approve the conduct of the Pby of Ballymena, and declare the sd Mr Murray to be no preacher belonging to this body, & in tender compassion to him considering his youth & inexperience in the world, earnestly obtest & besech him the sd Mr Jno. Murray to consider his ways & return to the paths of virtue & goodness, that he may be thereby qualified to be hereafter useful in ye world.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to morrow morning. Interloq^{r} at 7. This Session concluded with prayer.

6th Session. Friday, at 9 o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c. 6th Sess^{n}.

Mr Jno. King complained that no part of the fund money allowed at his setlement in Hollywood had been p^{d}. The Synod recommended it to the Pby of Bangor, to do what they can to see justice done Mr King. Mr King

A Supplication from Abram McClelland was presented to this Synod wherein he complains that the Pby of Dromore refused him Liberty to produce all the evidences he had to support a Libel w^{c} he exhibited against Mr Smith, one of their members, but proceeded to give judgment before all ye witnesses were examined. M^{r} McClelland and the Pby of Dromore being heard were removed; some brethren who had been present at s^{d} trial were also heard. This Synod resolved *nem: con:* that M^{r} McClelland's complaint shou'd be dismissed as entirely groundless & accordingly dismissed it. Abram McClelland

A petition was presented to this Synod by Wm Rodgers of Carnmony in which he complains that the Revd Mr Jno. Thompson will not admit him to Church privileges because he was married by a clergyman of the Established Church & prays for redress. Mr Thomson was heard and acknowledged he thought it his duty to censure people for being married by the Established form. He & s^{d} Rodgers being removed, the Synod resolved that Mr Thompson shou'd be enjoined to allow the s^{d} Wm Rodgers privileges & not to refuse them to any of his congregation for being married by the Established Church, & in case Mr Thompson do not submit to this order of the Synod, s^{d} Rodgers is to be allowed privileges in any neighbouring Cong^{n}. In the meantime Mr Thompson is to be admonished for his contempt of the Genl Synod's positive instructions given in the year 1754 in the like case. This order is to extend to all the members of the Genl Synod. Wm Rodgers Mr Thomson

Mr Thomson was called, this resolution read to him, he submitted & was admonished by the Mod^{r}.

The Moderator concluded this Synod w^{t} prayer.

1st Interloq^{r}. 1st Interloq^{r}

Messrs Colvill, Marshall, Niven & Sinklar from the Pby of Antrim attended as Correspondents. Correspondents

Messrs Kennedy & Laird are appointed to wait on Mrs Anderson of Belfast, and beg she may be pleased to offer the grateful compliments of the Constituents of the widows fund to her brother in London for his kind continued donations to that fund.

A letter from Mr William Cochran of Dunbo was read in ye Interloq^{r}, wherein he signifies his having conformed to the Established church, & desires that his subscription money to the widows fund may be returned him. The Interloq^{r} agreed to this, & have appointed Mr Mr Cochran

Ambrose to write Mr Lang to return Mr Cochran the subscription money he paid into that fund whatever it be.

Mr Martin

It was proposed & agreed to, that Mr Jno. Martin of Antrim be put on the £4 list, & that the Clk of ye Synod inform Mr Lang of this appointment.

Com. of overtures.

The Committee of Overtures & Correspondents from the Pby of Antrim, were ordered to take the scheme & circumstances of the widows fund into consideration & make their report at next Interloqr.

by of Dromore

The Pby of Dromore beg the advice of this Interloqr how they shall censure Abram McClelland, who failed in proving the charge of adultry exhibited by him in a libel against Mr Smith one of their members. The Interloqr having seriously considered this affair, resolved that Abram McClelland who charged Mr Smith with so heinous a crime & failed in proving it, ought to be suspended from all church privileges until he make a publick profession of his repentance by acknowledging his crime before the Pby of Dromore, be rebuked by them, & appear one Lords day before the Session & congregn where he is a member, & be publickly rebuked there: and in case the Libeller does not submit to this censure, a minute is to be formed by the Pby of Dromore containing the sense of this advice, & made as publick as they shall think proper.

Mr Smith

Mr Smith complained of bad treatment from Mr King, after he had been acquitted by his Pby of the charge alleged against him by Abram McClelland. As this complaint did not come by a reference or appeal from the Pby of Dromore, of wc Mr King is a member, the Interloqr agreed to refer it to that Pby, & enjoined them to take it under their special consideration, & have appointed the following Brethren, viz.:—Messrs Cherrie & Moodie, from the Pby of Armagh; Messrs Dunn & Willlamson, from Killyleagh; Messrs Malcom, Kinkead, & Rowan, from Bangor; & Messrs Gibson & Todd, from Tyrone, to meet with the Pby of Dromore at Dromore ye 3d Tuesday in Augt next to assist them in judging & Issuing that affair, & Mr. Smith is to reduce his complaint to writing, & send a copy of it to Mr King, wt the names of the witnesses to support it ten free days before the meeting of the Pby of Dromore, with the Correspondents. Mr Patrick is to change pulpits wt Mr Smith next Lords day, & read a copy of this minute: & ye Pby of Dromore are to conduct the whole affair with all convenient speed.

2d Interloqr

2d Interloqr.

Inniskilling

They who have not paid their contributions to Inniskilling are enjoined to send them to Mr Plunket as soon as possible.

Mr Lang

The Interloqr being informed that Mr Lang's security for the R:D: is dead, require he shou'd renew it, & that the security to be given be legal and sufficient. The Clerk of the Synod is ordered to write Mr Lang to that purpose, & that Messrs McCollum & Vance, of Dublin, are appointed to take the security. Mr Dunn is to write these Gentlemen that they are to take sd security before the 1st Tuesday in 8ber next.

A Letter from the trustees of the Widows Fund was read in this Interloqr, & also an abstract of the state of that fund, by wc it appears that the present amount of it is £5,387 0s 8½d. Mr Colvill appointed to answer this letter. Widows' fund £5387 0 8½

The Committee of Overtures and Correspondents deferred making their reports until next Interloqr.

Inquiry was made if the several Pbys had collected for ye Widows Fund since Genl Synod, & it appeared the following collections had been made:— Collections

By Messrs Harvy & Hood, Derry Pby	£20	4	7
Mr Ferguson in Do	1	2	9
Mr Todd in Tyrone	0	10	10
Mr Kinkead in Bangor	2	5	6
Mr Malcom in Do.	1	7	1
Mr Huey in Do.	1	5	5½
Mr Cuningham in Do	1	2	4
Mr Dickson in Do	0	16	4
Mr Ross in Do	0	12	3
Mr Dunn in Killyleagh Pby	2	13	10
In all	£31	16	5

These collections were sent by Mr Nickell to Mr Lang in Dublin.

It was proposed and agreed to yt a collection be made for strengthening ye Widows' Fund by every member of the Genl Synod & Pby of Antrim that has not collected since last Synod before ye 29th of Sepr next, & sent to Mr Lang of Dublin. Collections to be made

3d *Interloqr*. 3d Interloqr

Mr Colvill, as appointed, brought in the Draught of a letter to the trustees of the Widows Fund, wc was read & approved and signed by the Modr. & Clerk. Ansr

The Committee of Overtures and Correspondents made their reports concerning the Widows Fund, which were considered and approved, & are as follow, to wit: reports

That Mr Maxwell gave an account to the Committee of his negotiation with respect to a Charter for the Widows Fund. The Committee put the question—Approve of his diligence or not, & it carried unanimously approve, and that he receive not only the thanks of the Committee but of the Genl Synod for his diligence and industry in that affair.

There was a motion made whether there shou'd be any addition or alteration with respect to the trustees of the Widows Fund at present or not, and it carried there shou'd be no alteration at present.

A motion was made whether the distribution of the Widows Fund should continue in the same manner for the ensuing year, as it hath been for two years past, & it carried continue.

Inserted by

WILL: RODGERS: G:S:C:

A Genl Synod at Lurgan, June 28th, 1763.

Mr Caldwell the Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Ep : 5 : 2 : & then constituted it by prayer, after which were present from the several Pbys as follows to wit from

Minrs.	Elders.
Templepatrick Pby.	
Thos. Craford	Pat. Hanna
Wm. Henderson	
Wm. Rodgers	Jas. Beggs
Thos. Read	
David Fullerton	
Ballymena Pby.	
Jas. Cochran	Hu. Bryson
Jas. Rankin	
Alexr. M'Mullan	Jon. Cochran
Robt. Kirpatrick	
Rout Pby.	
Jno. Smith	
Hu. Gaston	
Jacob Davis	

Minrs.	Elders.
Dublin Pby.	
Thos. Vance	
Monaghan Pby.	
Wm. Ambrose	
Hu. Mulligan	
Wm. Fleming	
Jas. Jackson	Robt. Nisbet
Jas. Hamilton	
Coothill Pby.	
Wm. Sproot	
Jno. Warnick	
Jas. Kinneer	

Minrs.	Elders.
Tyrone Pby.	
Jno. Gibson	
Chars. Caldwell	Jas. Smith
Adam Duffin	Jas. Dillward
Jno. Ker	
Jas. Todd	Geo. Russall
Jno. White	Jno. Leadly
Wm. M'Neally	
Wm. Kennedy	Andr. Willson
Jno. M'Cleland	
Jas. Whiteside	
Moses Hogg	Geo. White
Alexr. Johnston	
Letterkenny Pby.	
Wm. Willson	
Jas. Gordon	
Jas. Turetine	
Wm. Callender	
Jos. Lytle	
Derry Pby.	
Andw. Ferguson	
Jno. Nealson	
Bangor Pby.	
Saml. Alexander	Robt. Anderson
Richd. Walker	Dav. Shaa
Jos. Mitchell	Jos. Williamson
Jas. Hull	
John King	
Jas. Cochran	Wm. M'Cormick

Minrs.	Elders.
Killyleagh Pby.	
Thos. Scott	
Gilbt. Kennedy	
Alexr. Macomb	Wm. Donaldson
Michl. Henry	
Jno. Strong	
Wm. Quinn	
Armagh Pby.	
Jno. Menagh	James Menagh
Geo. Cherrie	
Jas. Moodie	
Geo. Ferguson	Mat. Bell
Hen. Jackson	Ch. Geo. Mulhollan
Dromore Pby.	
Saml Simms	Chas. Orr
Jno. Mulligan	Jas. Lytle
Alexr. Neilson	Mr. Macracken
Wm. Henry	Archd. Petticrew
Jno. Smith	Robt M'Clelland
Isaac Patrick	
Robt. M'Clure	Jno. Scott
Saml. Barbar	Thos. Mophet
Jas. Richey	

Mr Caldwell moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following brethren were named as a leet, to wit:—Messrs Fullerton, Rankin, Smith, Vance, Milligan, Warnock, White, Willson, Simms, & Gilbt Kennedy. The Roll was called, & Mr Kennedy chosen. Mr Rodgers continued clerk. Modr chosen Clk continued

Ordered that the several Pbys meet this evening, & prepare lists to be given to the Clk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund & Genl Synods fixed Committee, as also an acct of such ministers as have died, been ordained, Installed, licensed, or entered on trials since last Genl Synod. Pbys to meet

Ordered that each Pby appoint one or more of their members to attend at eight o'clock to-morrow morning for prayer, & that a return be made of the Persons appointed to the Modr this evening, or early to-morrow morning; prayer to continue from eight o'clock until ten, when open Synod shall begin. Prayer

This Session concluded with prayer.

2d Session

2d Session Wednesday at ten o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

The appointment for prayer was observed.

The Pbys gave in lists of their members for the several committees, as also the following accounts, namely

Licensed

The Pby of Templepatrick have licensed Mr James Beggs. He subscribed according to order. They have entered Mr John Bankhead on second trials, & report that Mr Wm Thompson died the 13th May last past. He was a subscriber to the Widows Fund, & left a widow.

Trials
Dead

Ordained

Ballymena Pby have ordained Mr Robt Kirkpatrick, of Glennoan, ye 19th of Augt, 1762, & Mr Richey, at Donaghmore, the 27th of June Inst. They subscribed according to order, & also the Widows Fund.

Dead

Strabane Pby report that Mr Vicr Ferguson died the 15th of May last past. He was a subscriber to the Widows Fund, & left a widow.

Ordained

Rout Pby have ordained Mr Jacob Davis at Newtownlamavaddy, April 26th, 1763. He subscribed according to order, and they have entered on first trials Messrs Gordon, Park, Loggan, Willson, Knox, & Murray.

Trials

Ordained
Dead

Dublin Pby have ordained Mr Callwell at Ushers Quay ye 11th of June Inst. They report that Mr Nickell died in 8ber, 1762. He was a subscriber to the Widows Fund, but left no widow nor family.

Dead

Monaghan Pby report that Mr Algeo died ye 20th of July, 1762. He was a subscriber to the Widows Fund, and left a widow.

Dead

Coothill Pby report that Mr Bond died the 11th Sepr., 1762. He was a subscriber to the Widows Fund, & left a widow.

Ordained

Tyrone Pby have ordained Mr Moses Hogg, at Loghgall, Augt 25th, 1762, & Alexr. Johnston, at Benburb, 23 of May, 1763. They subscribed according to order.

Ordained

Letterkenny Pby have ordained Mr Lytle at Letterkenny the 20th April, 1763, & Mr Means July 16th, 1762 They subscribed according to order. They have entered Mr Love on first trials, & report that Mr Delap died Augt 30th, 1762. He was a subscriber to the Widows Fund, and left a widow.

Dead

Derry Pby have ordained Mr Neilson 8ber 5th, 1762. He subscribed according to order.

Ordained

Bangor Pby have ordained Mr Jas. Cochran at Ballywalter the 27th of July, 1762, & Installed Mr Hull, at Bangor, Janry 4th, 1763; & Mr Kinkead, at Killenshy, 28th April, 1763. They all subscribed according to order. They report that Mr Malcom died March 2nd, 1763. He was a subscriber to the Widows' Fund, and left a widow.

Dead

Ordained

Dromore Pby have ordained Mr Saml Barbar at Ralphisland ye 3d of May, 1763. He subscribed according to order, & they have entered Mr Jas. Burch on 1st Trials. They report that Mr Jno. King died the 9th 9ber, 1762. He was a subscriber to the Widows' Fund, and left a widow.

Dead

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as follows :— Synod's Fixed Committee

For Templepatrick Pby, Messrs Lewson & Fullerton, w^{t} an Elder.

Ballymena Pby, Messrs Jno. Brown & Rankin, w^{t} an Elder.

Strabane Pby, no return.

Rout Pby, Messrs Scott & Elder, w^{t} an Elder.

Monaghan Pby, Messrs Ambrose & Hamilton, w^{t} an Elder.

Tyrone Pby, Messrs Gibson & White, w^{t} an Elder.

Coothill Pby, Messrs Smith & Kinneer, with an Elder.

Letterkenny Pby, Messrs Ben. Holms & Alexander, w^{t} an Elder.

Derry Pby, Messrs Andw. Ferguson & Hood, w^{t} on Elder.

Bangor Pby, Mese^{rs} Buchanan & Kennedy, w^{t} an Elder.

Armagh Pby, Messrs Jackson & Campbell, w^{t} an Elder.

Dublin no return.

Killyleagh Pby, Messrs Kennedy & Dunn, w^{t} an Elder.

Dromore Pby, Messrs Simms & Smith, and an Elder.

These with our Mod^{r} & Clk are to meet at Dungannon when called by the Mod^{r} on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 at least are to be Ministers.

This Synod, upon reading the minute of Last relating to the fund money due Mrs Orr, have appointed Mr Menagh to Inspect into that matter, and make report to the Synod afterwards. Mrs Orr

Upon reading the minutes of last Genl Synod inquiry was made if ye Pby of Rout had taken care to see the arrear stipend charged on Newtonlamavaddy paid off. That Pby informed this Synod they were satisfied justice had been done Mr Erskine by that congregation. Mr Erskine

It was proposed and agreed to that the Committee of Overtures form an overture how Mr Erskine shall be treated by this Synod. Messrs Wilson & White to attend that Committee.

Bangor Pby informed this Synod that Mr Mackay had rec^{d} satisfaction from the Cong^{n} of Bangor for the arrear stipend they owed him. Bangor

Mr Gordon observed, upon reading the Minutes of last Genl Synod, that the accompts between him & Castleblainey Congregation, were not stated, and complains that there is a considerable arrear due to him by that Congregation. Ordered that ye Pby of Coothill shall inspect into y^{t} affair & inform Mr Gordon of ye time when they will take it under consideration. Mr Gordon

The Committee appointed to meet at Mountnorris to Inspect into & make regulations relative to the Synods fund met several times, their minutes were read & considered, & conformable to a resolution of that Committee, this Synod agreed that in the afternoon the affair of that fund shall be considered & that no other business shall divert the consideration of it. Committee at Mountnorris

Next Synod

It was proposed and agreed to, that the time & place of next Synods meeting be fixed now, the question was put, meet at Belfast or Lurgan, the Roll called & carried by a great majority to meet at Lurgan the last Tuesday in June, 1764. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Ballykelly

Upon reading the minutes of last G : Synod, refering to the arrear Stipend due by the Congregation of Ballykelly, it was observed that the Pby of Derry have ordained a Min^{r} to that Cong^{n}. contrary to the Express Instructions given by last Genl Synod. Resolved that that Pby be appointed to attend at next Genl Synod and shew cause for their proceeding in that manner.

Caple Street

Mr Macollum in a letter to our Clk requests that liberty be granted the Cong^{n} of Caple Street to apply for such supplies in the bounds of the Genl Synod as they shall think proper until next Synod. This granted.

Widow Gordon

The Pby of Ballymena were ordered to give an acc^{t} what they had done w^{t} reference to some persons in Buckna congregation, that had not done justice to the Widow Gordon. It appeared that little had been done in that matter. The appointment of last Synod relative to that affair renewed.

Mr King

Inquiry was made if the Pby of Bangor had used any endeavours to see justice done Mr King w^{t} respect to the fund money allowed him at his setlement in Hollywood. It appeared that nothing has been done in that matter. That Pby were enjoined to consider this affair in the Intervall, & make report at next session.

Adjourned until 5 o'clock afternoon, this Session concluded w^{t} prayer.

3^{d}. Session

3^{d} Session at five o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c.

Synods Fund

The Synod (according to a former resolution) proceeded to consider the state & circumstances of the fund for assisting weak Congregations to support their min^{rs}.

The minutes & resolutions of the committee at Mountnorris were again read considered & with some alterations approved & are as follows, to wit, that a letter recommending this Charitable fund, be wrote by the Genl Synod printed and a Copy of it sent to every Congregation in the Bounds of this Synod.

2^{d}. That every min^{r} in the Genl Synod use diligence in raising said fund, in his Congregation, every year, according to the abilities of his people.

3^{d}. That the fund collected in the bounds of each Pby be deposited into ye hands of some one member of that Pby by him to be carried annually to the Genl Synod, & by them to be disposed off, as they, with the concurrence of s^{d} Pby shall judge proper.

Lastly, that the Gen[l] Synod shall call each Pby annually to give an acct. of their diligence & fidelity in this matter, & if any prove negligent proceed with them as they shall see cause.

The following brethren to wit Mess[rs] Cherrie, Gibson, Macomb & Simms are appointed to meet at Mountnorris the second Tuesday in Aug[t] next to write said letter, & send copies of it when printed (which is to be done at the publick expense) to the several Pbys.

The Synod in the meantime recommend it warmly to the several Pbys to use diligence to have the arrear due those on the fund p[d] off speedily, & that a Letter be wrote by each Pby to the several congreg[ns] in their bounds by whom fund money is due to pay it off as soon as possible to the persons to whom it is due.

An Address from the Corporation of Philadelphia for the relief of poor and distressed Presbyterian Min[rs] & their families, was read & is as follows :— Address

TO THE VERY REV[D] & HONOURED THE GEN[L] SYNOD IN THE NORTH OF IRELAND.

THE ADDRESS OF THE CORPORATION IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA FOR THE RELIEF OF POOR & DISTRESSED PRESBYTERIAN MINRS & OF THEIR WIDOWS & CHILDREN.

Very Rev[d] & honoured Gentlemen,

We the Corporation for the relief of poor and distressed Presbyterian Min[rs] and of their widows & children, beg leave to express the high sense we have of your condescension & goodness in promoting our pious and Benevolent designs laid before you by our worthy agent, the Rev[d] M[r] Cha[s] Beatty, and to offer you our sincere & hearty thanks in the most respectful manner for your charitable contributions.

The condition of our numerous frontier settlements is still deplorable for want of stated ministers & gospel ordinances. The poverty of many of our ministers & of their widows & children is truly distressing. These afflictions were greatly heightened by a most barbarous and bloody war with the Indian nations, when we made the first efforts for their relief, & applied to our Christian brethren for their charitable assistance.

By Colonel Dunn of Dublin we have had remitances to the amount of four hundred & twelve pounds three shills. & eleven pence, by a bill drawn on his son in New York, the greater part of which was paid in the name of the Gen[l] Synod in Ireland, which sum we thankfully accept, & beg leave to assure the venerable Synod that we shall always endeavour, with the utmost care & fidelity, to manage the trust reposed in us, so that the pious and benevolent design thereof may be answered, to the satisfaction & the benefit of them for whom it is intended.

We determined to know what sums of money might be contributed, and for what purposes, before we began to make any distributions thereof, y^{t} we might execute every trust according to the directions & designs of the Charitable Donors. But since Mr Beatty's arrival we have contributed five hundred pounds to recover liberty to some of our fellow citizens and Christian friends who have long endured a most distressing captivity among savage & barbarous enemies. We have had a hopeful foundation to provide for ministers, widows & children. We have bestowed a considerable sum to relieve a society of X^{n} Indians that suffered greatly in the late wars; and we have provided that proper persons be sent, with all convenient speed, to visit & preach among all the frontier Inhabitants, & to report how we may best promote the kingdom of Christ among them & the Indian Nations in their neighbourhood.

We sincerely congratulate you on the prospect of a peace so honourable to Our Most Gracious Sovereign & the British Nation, & so much for the benefit and safety of these Colonies in America; and which must afford so many and such delightful opportunities of enlarging the borders of Christ's Kingdom in these remote parts of the earth. We rejoice that while the fields look white for Harvest we are in some measure enabled to work as labourers, and y^{t} we may yet further confide in Our Christian brethren for their aid, in so glorious & so extensive an undertaking.

As we presume it will give pleasure to your venerable Synod to be made acquainted with Our proceedings, so we shall ever account it a singular felicity to merit your esteem & approbation, and shall earnestly and constantly pray that Christ Our Redeemer may ever preside in y^{r} Assemblies, & distinguish you w^{t} peculiar honour amidst all His Churches. We are

Very Rev^{d} & honoured Gentlemen,
w^{t} the most sincere Esteem & respect,
your most obliged &
most ob^{t} humble servants, by
ROB^{t} CROSS, Presd^{t} & V. D. M.

Sealed with Our Seal & Signed in our names & by our appointment at Philadelphia ye 12th day of Feb^{ry}, 1763.

Ballymena Pby

The Pby of Ballymena request that this Synod wou'd be pleased to disannex them from the Subsynod of Ballymena & annex them to the Subsynod of Belfast. This granted.

Donaghmore

A Supplication was presented to this Synod fron the Congregation of Donaghmore by John Martin & Thos Caddell Comm^{rs} wherein they Intreat (with the concurrence of The Revd Pby of Armagh) that they be joined to The Revd Pby of Dromore; This granted. And the Synod enjoined the Pby of Dromore to take care that the Cong^{n} of Donaghmore pay the fees due the Pby of Armagh's Clk & the fund due Venecash & Narrowater.

Killienkear

From Killenkear a Supplication was presented to this Synod, complaining that the localities appointed to pay fund money to that

Congregation have been very Deficient & pray that some Method be taken to engage them to be more punctual in paying for time to come; This falls under the Rule given to others that are in arrear to the fund.

A Supplication was presented to this Synod from Loghgall by Geo. White Comm^{r} Intreating that the localities formerly allowed to pay fund money to that Cong^{n} be continued. Loghgall

A Supplication was also presented from Venecash by Geo. Russell In w^{c} they complain that the distribution of the fund money between them & Loghgall made by the Genl Synod in 1760 has not been observed & pray that the Synod would would interepose their authority in this affair:— Venecash

Resolved, that the Synod's order in 1760 with reference to the division of the fund between Venecash & Loghgall be observed, & that Localities be appointed to make deficiencies, a Return of those to be made to morrow morning by Mr Todd.

A Supplication was presented to this Synod by Wm Rodgers from Carnmony wherein he complains that the Revd Mr Thompson refuses to admit him to priviliges according to the order of last Genl Synod, And prays for relief—Resolved that the Pby of Dromore with the following Correspondents to wit, Messrs Gilb^{t} Kennedy, Wm Laird, Ja^{s} Cochran, Robt White, & David Fullerton, shall visit the Congregation of Carnmony The 3^{d} tuesday in October next, *Inquiry into the grounds of Wm Rodgers his Complaint, issue the affair & make report to next Genl Synod. The Pby of Dromore to inform Mr Thompson of this resolution. Wm Rodgers

Addourned untill 12 o'clock to-morrow interloq^{r} at ten. This Session Concluded with prayer.

4th Session Thursday at 12 o'clock, after prayer &c. 4th Session

Mr Todd as appointed gave in a list of the Localities which have been appointed to pay fund money to Venecash & are deficient. The Pby of Tyrone are ordered to make an Equal Distribution of the fund raised in their Bounds between Venecash & Loghgall. The Synod recommend it to the Committee of funds to appoint localities for twelve pounds a year to Loghgall & ten pounds a year to Venecash. Venecash Loghgall

Adjourned untill Six o'clock afternoon. Concluded w^{t} prayer.

5th Session Thursday at Six o'clock afternoon after prayer, &c. 5th Session

The Committee of overtures (according to ye Resolution of a former Session) gave in an overture concerning Mr Erskine which was considered & approved, & is as follows, to wit that Mr Erskine's character is reported to us in such a variety of Instances to be infamous, that we can no longer consider him as a member of our society until his character be vindicated. Mr Erskine

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* Inquire.

Monaghan & Coothill Pbys

An overture was also made that the Pbys of Monaghan & Coothill be united & go by the name of Monaghan Pby as formerly, in as much as their division has been attended with consequences which are not honourable to the dissenting Interest. The Synod approved this overture & accordingly recommended it to these Pbys to unite.

The Mod^{r} concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st Interloq^{r}

Interloq^{r}. 1st

Tim. Sloan

A Supplication from Timothy Sloan was read in this Interloq^{r} wherein he complains that he is in danger of loosing a considerable sume of money, by being security for the Revd Mr Nisbet of Sligoe, and prays that the Genl Synod wou'd use their influence to engage Mr Nisbet to do him justice:—Resolved that a letter be wrote by Mr Gibson to the Pby of Letterkenny, enjoining them to take cognizance of that matter immediately, see justice done the petitioner, & make full report to next Genl Synod, & in case the Pby of Letterkenny do not issue the affair, they are to Cite Mr Nisbet to attend next Genl Synod when the affair will be reconsidered.

2d Interloq^{r}

Interloq^{r}. 2^{d}.

Messrs Colvill, Mackay & Nevin attended as Correspondents from the Pby of Antrim.

Those that have not contributed to Inniskilling are enjoined to do it speedily.

Mr Lang

A Letter from Mr Lang was read in this Interloq^{r} wherein he gives an acc^{t} of ye Div^{d} of the R.D. and also that Mr Hamilton of Knock & old Mr Ross of Rosstrever, stand security for his trust;—Resolved that Messrs McCollum & Vance be employed to enquire for Messrs Ross and Hamilton's bond, if found, to deliver it to Messrs James & Hu. Lang & take their own security; their security to be taken, whether the above bond be found or not, Doc^{r} Covill to ans^{r} Mr Lang's letter, & let him know this resolution.

Widows Fund is £5662 11 8

A letter from Mr Maconchy a trustee of the Widows Fund, was read in this Interloq^{r} & also an abstract of the state of that fund, by which it appears that the capital is £5662 17 8. The scheme & circumstances of that fund to be considered by the Committee of Overtures & Correspondents, & their regulations to be given at next Interloq^{r}; Messrs Ambrose, Sims & Dunn to answer the trustees letter.

3rd Interloq^{r}

Interloq^{r}. 3^{d}.

Mr Colvil as appointed answered Mr Langs letter.

Messrs Ambrose, Sims & Dunn brought in the Draught of a letter to Mr Maconchy which was read and approved & signed by the Mod^{r}.

The Committee of Overtures & Correspondents brought in the following overtures relative to the Widows Fund, they were read & considered, the first being objected to, the question was proposed approve of it or not, The Roll was called & it carried in the affirmative, one dessenting voice only; the second was voted & approved. The rest unanimously approved, the Overtures are as follow: Overtures

1st. Whereas a considerable capital is already accumulated by the subscriptions of the present contributors to the fund, whereof future subscribers are to reap benefit by securing the payment of their respective annuities to their Widows or Children, it is proposed that every subscriber to the fund who has yet paid nothing to it, shou'd the first year of his becoming a subscriber, pay his entire share of the R.D. to the increase of this capital; that he shall in like manner pay his entire share of the R.D. for that purpose in the year of his marriage, & if his marriage & becoming a subscriber to the fund, shall happen in one year, he shall pay his entire share of R.D. for that year & next year to this fund, that this rule shall bind the present subscribers on the years of any of their marriages, & that if any subscriber is married before his becoming a subscriber he shall pay his entire share of the R.D. to the fund both that year & next year, and the subscription on all other years shall be 40s. each subscriber.

2dly. That the Distribution of annuities shall for the year ensuing continue in the same manner as in the year past.

3dly. That a letter be wrote to the trustees, among other things representing to them, that if we be rightly informed, a number of their body having from hurry of Business, & other Cirumstances, little time to attend to attend on the affairs of the fund, & therefore desire them to name such persons to be added to their present number as they shall Judge proper, & return them to us at our next meeting, And whereas, it appears expedient, that Minrs be named trustees, to request their opinion & advice relative thereto.

4th. That minrs who have not collected for the Widows fund, since last Synod, be ordered to do it before next.

5thly. That whereas it was formerly resolved, that when a Minr dies who was a subscribər to that fund, a sumof 40s be deductəd annually out of the R.D. & paid into the fund, for that Congn during the vacancy so Mr Lang to be reminded to observe this direction, which he has in some yrs neglected.

The following Collections for Stregthening the Widows fund were brought to this Interloqr & transmitted by Mr Vance to Mr Lang:— Collects

From Mr Carson of Monaghan Pby	£3	18	3½
From Mr Hamilton of Monaghan Pby	1	2	9
From Mr Gibson of Tyrone Pby	0	11	4½
In all	£5	12	5

It was proposed & agreed to that the Draught of an address to his Majesty King George be Brought into next Interloqr by Mr Mackay. Address to ye King

4th Interloqr

Interloqr. 4th.

Mr Mackay as appointed brought in the Draught of an address to his Majesty King George, wc was read considered & after some reasoning approved, and is as followeth:—

TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The Humble Address of the Pbyn. Mnrs. of the Northern Association in Ireland

Most Gracious Sovereign.

We your Majesty's most dutiful & loyal Subjects the Presbyterian Ministers of the Northern Association in Ireland, with Sentiments full of duty & respect, beg leave to embrace this first opportunity of our Annual Meeting, to express our warmest congratulations on the birth of the Prince of Wales, wc by the new accession of Strength it gives your Royal family & the protestant succession, must fill the heart of evey true protestant & lover of his Country with the sincerest joy. May the Almighty continue to watch over and guard the Royal Infant, & preserve his life in which there Kingdoms are so much, Interested, & from which hope, the Inestimable blessings wc we enjoy, will be perpetuated to lastest posterity.

While with the sincerest gratitude to Heaven we reflect on the unparalleled series of success & victory which attended your Majesty's councils and arms during the late just and necessary war, permit us, Great Sir, at the same time to express the high sense we have of that moderation & humanity which, in the full tide of glory & prosperity, determined your Majesty to put a stoop to the miseries of War, & restore peace to your kingdoms, an event which cannot but be agreeable to us, as men, as Christians, and as Minrs of the Gospel of peace.

When we consider the immense accession of Territory to the British Empire, ceded and confirmed by treaty, and look forward to the extension of commerce, arts, liberty, laws, religion, & social happiness through those vast uncultivated regions, a grand as well as pleasing prospect opens to our view, & we are naturally led to adore the wisdom of that Being who makes the rise and fall of empires & all the revolutions in human affairs subservient to the great and benevolent ends of his providence.

Thankful for the protection we enjoy as protestant dissenters, and firmly persuaded that the security of our liberties, civil & religious, depends under God on the succession in your Illustrious house, we beg leave to renew all former assurances of our inviolable attachment to your Majesty's person, family & government, and of the firm & steddy Loyalty of that numerous body of protestants with wc we are connected, who have been at all times remarkable for their zeal in support of the revolution, and the protestant succession, in the House of Hanover. This spirit it hath ever been our Care to Cherish & Culti-

vate ; And as it is our duty, we trust it shall be our endeavour on all occasions to merit the continuance of y^r Royal favor & protection, by approving ourselves zealous & grateful, faithful & loyal, subjects to the best of Kings.

That your Majesty & Royal Consort, happy in the endearments and adorned with the virtues of private & domestic life, may be blessed with a numerous & happy progeny, the delight of their country & pledges of its future happiness ; That under your auspicious reign great Britain, formidable abroad, free & happy at home, may long continue to be what she is at present, the praise and admiration of the whole Earth ; and y^t with her widely extended Empire the invaluable blessings of British freedom & of pure uncorrupted Christianity may spread, and be diffused to the remotest ends of the Earth, is & ever shall be the ardent wish and fervent prayer of—

May it please y^r Majesty,

Y^r Majesty's

Most dutiful & faithful Subjects,

The Pbyn Min^rs of the Northern Association in Ireland.

Subscribed in our name & by our appointment at Lurgan on July 1st, 1763, by

GILB^T. KENNEDY, Mod^r.

Inserted by

WILL: RODGERS: G:S:Cler:

A Genl Synod at Lurgan, June 26th 1764.

Mr Keñedy the Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Gal: 1: 10 & constituted it by prayer, after which were present from the sev^l Presbyteries as follows :—

Minrs.	Elders.
Ballymena Pby.	
Jas. Cochran	Hu. Bryson
John Rankin	
Jas. Cuming	Jno. M'Cashland
Strabane Pby.	
Robt. Neilson	
Rout Pby.	
Hu. Gaston	
Dublin Pby.	
Chas. M'Collum	
Jas. Caldwell	
Monaghan Pby.	
Wm. Ambrose	
Geo. Carson	
Hu. Mulligan	Wm. Hopper
Wm. Fleming	
Jas. Jackson	
Jas. Hamilton	
Saml. Kennedy	
Wm. Sproot	
Jno. Warnock	
Jas. Kinneer	
Tyrone Pby.	
John Gibson	
Chas. Caldwell	
Adam Duffin	
Jno. Ker	
Jas. Todd	
Jno. White	Jno. Laird
Wm. M'Neally	
Wm. Kennedy	Josias Johnston
John M'Clelland	Robt. Robinson
Moses Hogg	
Letterkenny Pby.	
Wm. Wilson	
Jas. Turetine	
Ben. Holmes	
Jno. M'Means	

Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Pby.	
Andr. Ferguson	
Jno. Neilson	Wm. Patten
Bangor Pby.	
Andw. Kennedy	
Wm. Laird	
Jos. Mitchell	
Jas. Hull	
Jas. Cochran	Wm. Wallace
Jas. Bryson	Jas. Fulton
Killyleagh Pby.	
Gilbt. Kennedy	
Alexr. M'Comb	Wm. Donaldson
Jas. Armstrong	
Jno. Strong	
Wm. Dunn	
Armagh Pby.	
Jno. Menagh	Jas. Menagh
Geo. Cherrie	
Jas. Moodie	
Henry Jackson	Geo. Mulhollan
Wm. Campbel	
Drummore Pby.	
Ssm. Simms	Jno. M'Kee
Alexr. Neilson	Jno. M'Minn
Wm. Henry	Saml. Livingston
Jno. Smith	Jas. Anderson
Isaac Patrick	
Robt. M'Clure	Saml. M'Gowan
Saml. Barbar	
Geo. Richey	David Weir
Templepatrick Pby.	
Thos. Craford	Jas. Cuningham
Wm. Henderson	
Wm. Rodgers	Jas. Beggs
Jno. Wright	Jno. Abernethy
David Fullerton	
Jas. Dumbar	Jno. Dunbar
Wm. Montgomery	Hu. Smith
Jno. Bankhead	

Mr Kennedy moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following brethren were named as a leet:—Messrs Carson, Dunn, Hen: Jackson, Simms, Craford, Ben: Holms, Caldwell, Ker, Rankin, Mulligan, & Jno White. Ye Roll was called & Mr White chosen. Mr Rodgers continued Clerk. Modr chosen Clk.

Ordered that the several Pbys meet this evening & prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members, for the several committees of overtures, Bills, Books, fund, & Genl Synod's fixed Committee, as as also an acct of such Minrs as have died, been ordained, Installed, licensed or entered on trials since last Synod. Pbys to meet

Ordered that each Pby appoint one or more of their members to attend at eight o'clock to-morrow morning for prayer, and that a return be made to the Modr this evening of the persons appointed. Prayer to continue from eight o'clock until ten, when open Synod shall begin. Prayer

This Session concluded with prayer,

2d Session Wednesday at Ten O'Clock forenoon after prayer &c. 2d Sessn

The appointment for prayer was observed

The Presbyteries gave in lists of their members for the several comittees, as also the following accts, namely:—

The Pby of Ballymena have entered Messrs M'Cashland & Mackaa, on first trials. 1st trials

The Pby of Letterkenny report that Mr Hamilton died, the 27th of Decemr 1763. He was a subscriber to the widows fund & left a widow. Dead

Bangor Pby have ordained Mr Jas Bryson at Lisburn, June 7th 1764 he is a subscriber to the widows fund. They have licensed Mr Jas Malcom, he subscribed according to order & he is entered on 2d trials, they report that Mr Buchanan died on the 1st of 9ber 1763. He was a subscriber to the widows fund & left a widow. Ordained Licensed Dead

Armagh Presbytery report that Mr Jno Maxwell died the 13th of Decemr 1763, he was a subscriber to the widows fund & left a widow. And Mr Geo: Henry removed from Narrow-water & went for America in May last past. Dead Removed

Dromore Pby have licensed Mr Jas Jackson Burch, & have entered him on 2d trials, he Subscribed according to order, they report yt Mr Allen died the 14th Janry 1764, he was a subscriber to ye fund & left a Daughter. They have entered Mr Saml Livingston on 1st trials. Licensed Trials Dead 1st trial

Templepatrick Pby have ordained Mr Jno Bankhead Augt 16th 1764. He subscribed the Widows fund. They have licensed Mr Cowan. Ordained Licensed

Strabane Pby have licensed Messrs Neilson & Torbit, & ordained Mr Torbit the 19th inst. June. He subscribed the Widows fund. Licensed Ordained

Licensed

Rout Pby have licensed Messrs David Park, Jno Loggan, Robert Gordon, Wm Knox, Geo: Murray, & Wm Willson. They all subscribed according to order; they have entered Mr Ja^{s} Caldwell on 1st trials.

Fixed Comttee

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as follows—

For Ballymena Pby Messrs Rankin & Cuming w^{t} an Elder.

Monaghan Pby Messrs Ambrose & Hamilton w^{t} an Elder.

Tyrone Pby Messrs Caldwell & White w^{t} an Elder.

Letterkenny Pby Messrs Ben: Holms & Lytle w^{t} an Elder.

Derry Pby Messrs Ferguson & Hood w^{t} an Elder.

Bangor Pby Messrs Walker & McKean w^{t} an Elder.

Killyleagh Pby Messrs Kennedy & Macomb w^{t} an Elder.

Armagh Pby Messrs Jackson & Campbell w^{t} an Elder.

Dromore Pby Messrs Simms & Barbar w^{t} an Elder.

Rout Pby Messrs Neilson & Scott w^{t} an Elder.

Dublin no return.

Strabane Pby Messrs Osborn & Neilson w^{t} an Elder.

Templepatrick Pby Messrs Wright & Montgomery & an Elder.

Dunganon

These with our Mod^{r} & Clerk are to meet at Dunganon when called by the Mod^{r} on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 at least are to be Min^{rs}.

Mr Kennedy

A motion was made & unanimously agreed to that Mr Kennedy, our late Mod^{r}, shou'd have the thanks of this house for the very acceptable sermon delivered to us, & be requested to print it for publick edification, and accordingly the Mod^{r} thanked Mr Kennedy & made ye above request.

Next Synod

It was moved & agreed to that the time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now. The question was put, meet at Dunganon, Belfast, or Lurgan, the Roll called, and it carried to meet at Belfast in Mr Laird's meeting house the last Tuesday in June 1765, sermon to begin at five o'clock afternoon.

Caple Street

M^{r} McCollum requested that the order of last Genl Synod with reference to liberty granted Caple Street to apply for such supplies in the Bounds of the Genl Synod as that congreg^{n} shall think proper, be renewed. This granted.

Mr King

Upon reading the minutes of last Genl Synod wherein Mr King complained that justice had not been done him in paying the fund money allowed him at his setlement in Hollywood, a letter from Mr King was read requesting that this Synod may do something in the above affair.

Resolved that the Pby of Bangor shall make such compensation to Mr King as shall be agreed to by that Pby & him.

It was proposed & agreed to that Inquiry be made how the fund money allowed Mr Menagh at his setlement in Lurgan, & which was formerly granted his predecessor, has been paid, and it appeared that upwards of three hundred & thirty pounds of that fund was due Mr Menagh, besides a considerable arrear due by Armagh & Lurgan. Resolved, that all possible care be taken to have justice done Mr Menagh in this affair, & in the meantime the congregations of Armagh & Lurgan are to continue to pay him their proportion of the fund, and in the Distribution of the fund money brought to this Synod some compensation be made to Mr Menagh for past Deficiencies. That a full state of this matter be drawn up, read in each congregation in the bounds of the Genl Synod, a Collection made by every minr & brought to this Synod at next meeting to make farther compensation for Deficiencies. Messrs Menagh & Dunn to draw up ye state of that case & bring it into next Session. Fund money

Upon reading the resolutions of last Genl Synod relative to the fund for supporting weak congregations, it was resolved that each Pby shall give an acct to the Committee of that fund how these resolutions have been observed, & pay into the hands of the Clerk of that Committee the fund money collected, which he is to bring into the Synod at next Session.

According to the appointment of last Genl Synod, the Pby of Dromore with correspondents visited the congregation of Carnmoney; the minutes of that Pby were read, by which it appeared that the complaint made against Mr Thompson by Wm Rodgers was issued, & peace restored between Mr Thompson & him. The Pby's conduct approved. Wm Rodgers

The Pbys of Coothill & Monaghan have united as ordered by last Genl Synod, one Congn only excepted, who requested that they will be allowed to consider the matter until next Genl Synod. Pbys united

3d Session Wednesday at 6 o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c. 3d Sessn

Mr Ferguson, in the name of the congregation of Strabane, applyed to this Synod for liberty to invite such supplies in the bounds of the Genl Synod as they shall think proper. This granted. Strabane

This Synod recommend it to the Pby of Tyrone & Committee of the fund to take care that justice be done Mrs Orr with respect to the arrear of the fund money due her. Mrs Orr

Adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Ye Session concluded wt prayer.

4th Session Thursday at eight o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c. 4th Sessn

A long complaint in writing exhibited by some members of the congregation of Ballykelly to the Revd Pby of Derry was referred by yt Pby to ye Synod seting forth their suspicions of Mr Neilson's soundness in the Christian faith, & the grounds upon which their suspicions were founded. Reference from Derry Pby

A Supplication from another part of said congregation was also refered to this Synod by the Pby of Derry, in which they express great dissatisfaction with their brethren of that Congregation for propagating groundless reflections on the preaching & conversation of Mr Neilson their minister, spreading disgust at him and endeavouring to divide ye congregation, And mention in several particulars their behaviour as tending to this disorder and confusion, particularly that they formed a Libel against Mr Neilson's principles, in the name of the Session & others, without calling the Session & heads of Families together, carried it through the Congregation, to draw the unwary & inattentive to their party. And pray that Pby to interpose their authority to suppress all such unjust surmises & reflections & use their endeavours to restore harmony between Mr Neilson & the complainants yt the good & edification of the Congregation may be secured & promoted.

Mr Neilson

The Minutes of the Pby of Derry were likewise read, by which it appeared that Mr Neilson was enjoined by his Pby to use his best endeavours to remove every suspicion that any of his hearers may have entertained of his soundness in the Christian faith.

The explanations which Mr Neilson (in obedience to the Pby of Derry), gave to his Congregation of the sevl Articles exhibited against him were also read.

This Synod after mature consideration, resolved to take the determination of this affair upon them. And accordingly the several articles in the complainants Charges were read one by one. Mr Neilson's explanations of what they excepted against him were also read. Mr McClelland representative of the complainants was allowed to make his remarks, on the explanations which Mr Neilson gave for the satisfaction of his people. Mr Patten another member of that congregation being present was also allowed to give his opinion.

1st Article

1st Article was a charge of hypocrisie in preaching differently from what he had done before his ordination, for that he preached original sin, man's lost state in Adam & recovery by J:Xt, but since he was ordained, had droped these subjects.

Ansr

In Mr Neilson's answer it is observed that the Charge of hypocrisie is very uncharitable, and as to his preaching differently from what he had done, &c., he said he had been careful to inform himself as to the truth of these doctrines, & still believed them upon Divine authority.

2d

2d That he preached up selfrighteousness & that according to the use or abuse of the powers God has given us, he is pleased or displeased with us.

Answer

He denyed the preaching of selfrighteousness and Justification by Works, & appealed to themselves if he had not very frequently insisted on the Righteonsness of God by faith, which worked by love, &c., but admitted he had said that God was pleased or displeased with men according to the good or bad use they made of the powers & faculties he had given them.

3d That in repeating these words which the Complainants say is in the Ep : to the Heb : Jesus Xst was made like unto his brethren in all things—Sin only excepted—he omitted that part of the ver :—sin only excepted, which they think is a foundation for suspecting his belief of the Divinity of our Lord J.Xst. 3d

Mr Neilson admitted that he had not, as the complainants do, added these words—sin only excepted, to a portion of Scripture to which they are not added in the New Testament, and is greatly surprised at the conclusion, for that wherever he found the words sin only excepted applyed to our Saviour, he always repeated them. Ansr

4th That in preaching on that text: As in Adam all die so in Christ shall all be made alive, he did not represent Adam & Christ as two federal heads—the one of all his posterity, the other of all his spiritual seed. 4th

Mr Neilson, in what he offered for the satisfaction of his people, allowed he had not made use of these expressions, but shewed that if the penalty of the Law had been executed & the free grace of God in J:Xst had not prevented the execution of it, Adam must have perished, & with him all his posterity. This Mr McClelland said satisfied him. Ansr

5th That Mr Neilson is an enemy to all human composures, & does not enjoin his people to Believe in Westminster confession of faith when he baptizes their children, but discourages the use of it as a rule of faith & manners. 5th

Mr Neilson in his answers allowed himself to be an enemy to human composures only when set up as infallible guides, but not as Helps to men's faith & manners, and Mr Patten & others from Ballykelly declared they always heard him speak of the confession of faith & compliers of it with high respect.

The complainants further set forth in a written paper that Mr Neilson in conversing with his people had not taken sufficient pains to speak upon & explain the Doctrines of which they suspected the soundness of his belief.

Mr Neilson admitted that he declined entertaining his people with subjects which tended not to their edification, & endeavoured to draw their attention from subjects of Controversy & doubtful disputation, & fix it on subjects directly tending to piety & virtue. Mr Neilson

The complainants papers contained many other Grounds (as they alleged) of discontent with Mr Neilson's principles, in substance of the same kind with what has been set forth—on all which Mr Neilson's remarks to his congregation were heard—and in conclusion Mr McClelland declared he had no manner of exception to Mr Neilson's moral character.

The Supplication from the other part of the Congregation of Ballykelly presented to the Pby of Derry, & by them referred to this Synod, was again read & considered. Supplication

A Supplication from the complainants in the cong^{n} of Ballykelly was presented to this Synod by Mr Saml McClelland in which they complained of the Pby of Derry as refusing to examine their evidences against Mr Neilson, and to give them the Copy of a spurious paper given in by Mr Neilson's friends in that Congregation, and pray that this Synod wou'd be pleased to dissolve the Relation between Mr Neilson & them as the only method to preserve their congregation from Destruction. Mr Ferguson, from the Pby of Derry, proved both the charges against that Pby to be groundless, which the commissioners could not deny.

Resolution

This Synod, having fully heard & considered all the Articles in the charge against Mr Neilson, his answers to them, and the observations made on these answers by M^{r} McClelland, came to the following resolution—namely, to propose this question:—Whether the Charge of Insincerity & corrupt Doctrine exhibited against Mr Neilson, be proved or not? The Roll was called, & it unanimously carried, "Not proved." One only excepted—to wit, Mr Turretine, who desired his dissent from this resolution to be entered in the Synod's Records.

Exhortation

This Synod exhort and beseech the complainants in the cong^{n} of Ballykelly to lay aside their prejudices, & by all means in their power preserve peace & good order in their society by submitting to Mr Neilson's ministry; and it is hoped Mr Neilson's integrity & prudence, together with their good temper, will preserve the union of that ancient & valuable Congregation; but shou'd there be any of their number who cannot reconcile themselves to his ministry they have the allowance of this Synod (upon their Regular application for Dismisses, & Discharging their obligations to Mr Neilson & the Cong^{n}) to Join any neighbouring congregation belonging to the Genl Synod.

Adjourned untill 8 o'clock afternoon. Interloq^{r} at 5. Concluded with prayer.

5th Sess^{n}.

5th Session Thursday, at 8 o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

Fund

The Committee of the fund report that few of the Pbys attended on them as directed at a former Session, & very little money had been paid into their hands. Resolved, that another letter be wrote recommending this charitable fund by Messrs Cherrie, Gibson & Macomb, printed at the publick expense, and sent as speedily as possible to the several Pbys, by them to be read to their respective Congregations, and it is hoped and earnestly urged by this Synod that every member of it will be careful & diligent in recommending this Charity to his Congregation, & each Pby is enjoined to Deposit the Contributions made in their respective Bounds into the hands of some one member, by him to be carried to the Genl Synod, together with an acc^{t} what each Congregation pays, and to whom the sev^{l} Congregations desire the fund money contributed by them shou'd be paid.

Mr Menagh

Messrs Menagh & Dunn (as appointed at a former Session) brought in a state of Mr Menagh's case with regard to the Synod fund & is as follows:—

Mr Menagh being invited by the Congn of Lurgan in the year 1731 to take upon him the pastoral Care of that Congregation, declined accepting the same for this reason—that the contributions of the people were alone insufficient for his support, & he had no assurance that the Genl Synod wou'd continue to him that portion of their fund, wc their former minr had all along enjoyed. Commrs were therefore sent to the Genl Synod that year, to whom the Synod readily engaged, that fifteen pounds yearly, shou'd be regularly paid him out of their fund of which there is due to him an arrear of upwards of three hundred & thirty pounds, besides a considerable sum due by Armagh & Lurgan.

Mr McCollum applied to this Synod for advice with respect to introducing a collection of Psalms, made by him & Mr Vance & a specimen of which was laid before the Genl Synod in June, 1763, into the Meeting house of Caple Street & Usersquay. This Synod think that if these Gentlemen & their Congregations judge it proper to use that collection it will not be disagreeable to this body. New Psalms

The fund money recd since the meeting of this Synod is as followeth: Fund money

From Ballyrony ..	£1	0	0				
Mountnorris ..	0	12	0	Monymore ..	£0	16	3
Donaghmore near Newry	1	2	9	Killylish ..	1	10	0
Keddy ..	1	0	0	Ralphisland ..	0	15	0
Portaferry ..	1	2	9	Three Congn in Belfast	10	15	0
Killyleagh ..	1	2	9	Glenturbret ..	0	11	4½
Drummaragh ..	0	17	0				
				In all	£21	4	11½

At Mr Laird's desire four pounds eleven Shills. were given to Mr Mitchell, & three pounds eight shills. & three pence to Mr Willson, of the money brought from Belfast; two pounds ten shills. & six pence, were given to Mr Menagh, & the residue Distributed according to directions given by the several Pbys.

The Moderator Concluded this Synod with prayer. 1st Interloqr

1st. *Interloqr*.

At an Interloqr consisting of the Genl Synod & Messrs Niven & Sinclare from the Pby of Antrim, a letter from Mr Lang was read, wherein he gives an acct. of the Divid. of the R.D. as also that his Brother Hugh Lang, & he have executed a Joint security to Mr McCollum, & Mr Vance, for the R.D. that comes into his hands.

A letter was also read from the Trustees of the Widows Fund, wherein they give an acct. that the Capital of that fund is £6178 15 0½ and that they judge Thos Read, Esq,, Mr Wm McMurtry, & Mr Wm Sinclare, proper persons to be added to the present trustees, & they likewise approve of the proposal that Minrs be put into that trust. The Modr & Clerk answer this letter, & inform the trustees that the constituents of the fund, Judge it convenient for the present, that the Gentlemen whom they nominate, be added to the trustees. Messrs Letter

M^c^Collum and Caldwell, appointed to wait on these Gentlemen & in the name of the constituents of the fund, to Intreat them to accept that trust.

New resolutions

Upon reviewing the resolutions formed at last Genl Synod relative to the Widows fund, after some reasoning, it was proposed & unanimously agreed to y^t^ that every subscriber, instead of paying his entire share of the R:D: for ye year of his ordination, & his entire share for another year on the event of his marriage (as resolved at last Genl Synod) shall pay only his ordinary R:D: for the year of his ordination instead of fourty shillings towards the increase of the fund. This regulation shall affect all those who have been ordained since the meeting of ye Genl Synod in June 1763.

And it is farther resolved that if any person since June 1763, or hereafter to be ordained, be not satisfied with this regulation, he is at liberty to be, or not to be, a subscriber to this fund, as he shall judge proper; and if any ordained since June 1763 & is a subscriber be unwilling to continue, subject to this regulation, he may withhold his subscription for the future.

Mr Richey

Mr Richey, in the Pby of Dromore, tho' ordained before the meeting of the Genl Synod in June 1763, generously allowed the whole of his ord^ry^ R:D: for that year instead of fourty shills.

The distribution of annuities to continue for the ensuing year in the same manner as in the year past.

The Interloq^r^ observed some mistakes in the returns made of annuitants on the fund, to prevent which for the future the Clerk of the Synod is directed to inform Mr Lang that he take the acc^t^ of Min^rs^ widows or families on the fund from the Genl Synod, at their annual meetings. The sev^l^ Pbys are ordered to be punctual in giving an acc^t^ yearly of the min^rs^ that die in their bounds, the time of their death, if they leave a widow or children, to the Clk of Synod, & not to Mr Lang.

Messrs Cherrie, Simms & Jackson engaged to be security for ten pounds, to be paid out of the fund, to M^rs^ M^c^Clelland, daughter of the late Mr Allen, & not to her husband, for the ensuing year.

Inserted by

WILL: RODGERS: G:S:Clk:

July 4th, 1764.

A Genl. Synod at Belfast, June 25th, 1765.

Mr White Modr of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Jo : 20 : 21, and then constituted it by prayer, after which were present from the sevl Presbyteries as follow.

Minrs.	Elders.
Rout Pby.	
David Smylie	Geo. Glover
Robt. Henry	
Hu. Gaston	
Robt. Ewing	
Jno. Simson	Geo. Read
Saml. Moor	
Robt. Scott	
Dublin Pby.	
Thos. Vance	
Monaghan Pby.	
Jas. Jackson	
Jas. Hamilton	
Jno. Warnick	
Tyrone Pby.	
Jno. Gibson	
Chas. Caldwell	Jno. Grahms
Jno. White	Jno. Waters
Wm. M'Neally	
Wm. Kennedy	Jno. M'Kever
Jno. M'Clelland	Thos. Hindman
Letterkenny Pby.	
Wm. Willson	
Wm. Burk	
Derry Pby.	
Andw. Ferguson	
Jno. Hood	
Saml. Patten	
Bangor Pby.	
Robt. Cuningham	Jno. M'Kibben
Jno. Moorhead	
Hu. Dickson	Robt. Byars.
Saml. Alexander	Robt. Anderson
Jas. Huey	Jno. Stitt
Jos. Kinkead	Andw. Lawry
Wm. Laird	Jno. Brown
Jas. M'Kean	Alexr. Barr
Wm. Warnick	
Richd. Walker	David Walker
Jos. Mitchell	
Wm. Rowan	Thos. Hall
Jas. Hull	Jas. Craford
Jno. King	Jon. Sims
Jas. Malcom	Jos. Fulton
Killyleagh Pby.	
Thos. Scott	Geo. Beck
Gilbt. Kennedy	
Alexr. Macomb	Jno. Coulter
James Armstrong	
Michl. Henry	
Jno. Strong	Saml. Bleckly
Robt. Smith	Jas. M'Michan
Jno. Williamson	
Armagh Pby.	
Jno. Menagh	
Jas. Moodie	
Hen. Jackson	
Dromore Pby.	
Saml. Sims	
Alexr. Neilson	Wm. Paxton
Wm. Henry	Jno. Patterson
Isaac Patrick	John Smith
Robt. M'Clure	Ricd. Beaty
Saml. Barbar	
Geo. Richy	
Jas. Birch	
Templepatrick Pby.	
Thos. Craford	
Wm. Henderson	
Jno. Lewson	
Jno. M'Connell	Hu. Moor
Wm. Rodgers	Jas. Beggs
Jno. Wright	Isaac Cowan
Robt. White	Jno Abernethy
Thos. Read	Jas. Craford
David Fullerton	
Jas. Dunbar	Jas. M'Alexander
Wm. Montgomery	Jas. M'Alexander
Jno. Bankhead	Jas. Farriss

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Ballymena Pby.			
Jas. Cochran	Wm. Parker		
James White			
John Rankin	Saml. Walker		
Jos Douglass			
Jas. Cuming			
Robt. Kirkpatrick	John Cochran		

Mod^r chosen

Mr White moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following brethren were named as leet—Messrs Smylie, Vance, Hamilton, McNeally, Patten, Armstrong, Neilson, Craford, Lewson, Cochran, Rankin, & Huey. The Roll was called, & Mr Huey chosen.

Clk

Mr Rodgers continued clerk.

Pbys to meet

Ordered that the sev^l Pbys meet this evening & prepare lists to be given to the Clk of Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the sev^l committees of Bills, Books, fund & Genl Synods fixed committee, as also an acc^t of such Min^rs as have died, been ordained, installed, licensed, or entered on trials since last Synod.

Prayer

Ordered that each ^l by appoint one or more of their number to attend at nine o'clock to-morrow morning for prayer, & that a return be made to the Mod^r of the persons appointed, this evening or early to-morrow; prayer to continue from nine o'clock until eleven, when open Synod shall begin. This Sess^n concluded with prayer.

2^d Sess^n

2^d Session Wednesday at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

The appointment for prayer was observed.

The Pbys gave in lists of their members for the sev^l committees, as also the following acc^ts, namely—

Licensed
Trials

The Pby of Rout have licensed Messrs Murry & Caldwell, & have entered Messrs Loggan, Smith & Knox on second trials.

Demitted

The Pby of Dublin report that M^r M'Collum demitted his charge of Capel Street congregation May 5th 1765, & Mr Knox gave up his charge of said congregation 21st of May 1765.

Trials

Monaghan Pby have entered Mr Martin on second trials.

The Pby of Tyrone have licensed Mr Moor. He subscribed, & have entered Mr Willson on 2^d trials.

Dead
Dead

Letterkenny Pby report that Mr Turretine died the 21st of July 1764 & Mr Worling in April 1765. Both subscribers to the Widows fund: each left a widow & children.

Trials
Dead

Derry Pby have entered Messrs Stewart, McClelland & Moor on 1st trials. They report that Mr Lylie died 20th May 1765. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund, & left a widow only.

Bangor Pby ordained Mr Malcom 24th December 1764. He subscribed the confession of faith & Widows fund. They report that Mr Cochran died 22d of June 1761. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund and left a widow & children. Mr Rea Demitted his charge of Kirkdonald in Febry 1765, & sailed for North America in May 1765. Ordained Dead Demitted

Killyleagh Pby have licensed Mr Bleckly. They report that Mr Fergy died the 3d May 1765. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund, & left a widow & children. Mr Dunn removed to Cookstreet Dublin Febry in 1765. Licensed Dead Demitted

Dromore Pby have licensed Mr Saml Livingston & ordained Mr Jas Birch the 12th Augt 1764. He subscribed the confession of faith & Widows fund. They report that Mr Thompson died the 18 March 1765. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund, & left children. Licensed Ordained Dead

Templepatrick Pby have licensed Mr John Dunbar, & entered Mr Cowan on 2d trials. Trials

Ballymena Pby have entered Mr Jno Thompson on 1st trials. Licensed

Armagh Pby have licensed Mr Wm Craford & entered Mr Livingstone on 2d trials. They report that Mr Cherry died 17th May 1765. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund, & left a widow & children. They installed Mr Campbel in Armagh in 9ber 1764. Trials Dead

The members of the Genl Synod's fixed Committee are as follow— Synod's fixed Committee

For Rout Pby Messrs Smylie & Henry with an Elder.

Monaghan Pby Messrs Ambrose & Hamilton wt an Elder.

Strabane, Dublin & Letterkenny no return.

Tyrone Pby Messrs Caldwell & McClelland with an Elder.

Derry Pby Messrs Ferguson & Hood with an Elder.

Bangor Pby Messrs Warnick & Hull with an Elder.

Killyleagh Pby Messrs Kennedy & Macomb wt an Elder.

Armagh Pby Messrs Menagh & Jackson with an Elder.

Templepatrick Pby Messrs Fullerton & Montgomery wt an Elder.

For Ballymena Pby Messrs Cochran & Rankin wt an Elder.

For Dromore Pby Messrs Sims & Neilson with an Elder.

These with our Modr & Clerk are to meet at Dunganon when called by the Modr on any emergency, fifteen to be a quorum, whereof twelve at least are to be minrs. Dunganon

A letter from Capelstreet congregation was read in this Synod requesting that the sevl Pbys belonging to the Genl Synod be ordered to send such supplies to that Congregation as they shall apply for until next Genl Synod, and particularly that Mr Plunket may be ordered to supply them six Sabbths as soon as may be convenient. This granted, & the Pby of Monaghan enjoined to send Mr Plunket to supply them six Sabbaths, commencing the 3d Sabbath in July next. Caple Stree

Mr Menagh

Upon Reading the minutes of last Gen[l] Synod enquiry was made if the appointment had been observed by the sev[l] Pbys relating to y[e] arrear of the fund due M[r] Menagh, and it appeared that nothing has been done in that matter. Ordered that the appointment of last Synod be renewed, & particularly that a collection may be made in every cong[n] in the bounds of the Gen[l] Synod, & brought to the Synod at next meeting, & given to M[r] Menagh as a compensation for the Loss he has sustained by the nonpayment of the fund allowed him by the Gen[l] Synod at his setlement in Lurgan, & which had been paid his predecessor This Synod likewise order the committee of the fund to draw up a recommendation of this matter, give it to the Synods Clerk to be entered in their minutes, & read to every cong[n] in the bounds of the Gen[l] Synod, that the collections may be more succesful.

Fund

This Synod, finding that the Interest of their fund for the support of weak congregations has for a considerable time been too little attended, request that all possible care be taken by the sev[l] Pbys to collect this fund in all the congregations within their bounds, & that it be brought to the Gen[l] Synod annually, according to a former resolution to this purpose.

The sev[l] Committees are ordered to meet immediately.

Adjourned until six o'clock afternoon. Interloq[r] at 5. Concluded w[t] prayer.

3[d] Session Wednesday at 6 o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

Hollywood

A Supplication from Hollywood was presented to this Session by Mess[rs] John Galson & John Sims wherein they complain that the congreg[ns] of Bangor, Newtown, Donaghadee, Castlereagh, Saintfield, Moneyrea, Morn & Drumbo have not paid any part of the fund money allowed M[r] King at his setlement among them, & pray this Synod to see Justice Done in the affair. M[r] King, the comm[rs] from Hollywood, & Pby of Bangor, were heard & removed, & after some reasoning it was resolved that the Pby of Bangor shou'd annually collect the fund money which the Synod formerly ordered them to pay, & let it be disposed of at the meeting of the Gen[l] Synod. The committee of the fund are ordered to appoint other localities to Hollywood, & in the meantime the Pby of Bangor are to use diligence in raising the arrear to M[r] King.

Killyleagh

A Supplication from the Congregation of Killyleagh was presented to this Synod by M[r] Rob[t] M[c]Dowell & Tho[s] Harron requesting that M[r] Willson be appointed to supply them the months of July & Aug[t] next; M[r] Craford, Sep[t] & 8ber; M[r] Camron, Novem[r]; M[r] Wright, Decem[r]; M[r] Birch, Jan[ry]; M[r] Bleckly, Feb[ry]; M[r] Livingston, March; M[r] Abernethy, April; M[r] Smith, May; & M[r] Dickson, June.

This Supplication was considered, & it was observed & agreed to that the appointing twelve months supplies to Killyleagh might be attended w[t] disagreeable consequences, & it was judged to be particularly inconvenient to appoint M[r] Willson & M[r] Craford two months each. This Synod therefore order M[r] Camron to supply that cong[n] the month of July, M[r] Willson the month of Aug[t], & M[r] Craford Sep[r]

And if they do not agree to call one of these Gentlemen they have liberty to apply (under the direction of ihe Pby of Killyleagh) for the other Gentlemen, any number of them, or for any other supplies, as they may see cause.

A memorial from the united congregation of Narrowwater & Carlingford was presented to this Synod setting forth the distressed condition of that congregation by the removal of their min^r, & the smallness of their numbers by Death & otherwise, & praying that, besides the fund already allowed them, this Synod wou'd be pleased to appoint the cong^ns of Morn, Rathfriland, & Donaghmore to pay their fund money to them. Narrowwater

This Memorial & supplication were considered, & as it was judged to be inconsistent with former appointments relating to the fund to give away any localities at present: Resolved, that the fund money of these cong^ns be brought to the Genl Synod annually & Distributed according to the Synod's directions, & as Narrow Water & Carlingford is well attested to be entitled to a larger share of the fund than is at present allowed it, this Synod agreed to comply with their supplication in granting that cong^n a larger share of it.

Adjourned until twelve o'clock to-morrow. Interloq^r at six. Concluded with Prayer.

4th Session Thursday at twelve o'clock, after prayer, &c.

Mr Kennedy informed this Synod that Mr Simson of Dundalk requests that Inquiry be made in the sev^l Pbys for a Gentleman that can preach in the Irish language to whom he believed he cou'd give very considerable encouragement. This Synod Recommended it to all the Pbys in their bounds to comply with this request, and inform Mr Kennedy at Belfast if any such person be found. Mr Simson

Resolved, that the time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now. The question was proposed, meet at Dungannon or Belfast, the Roll called, & it carried to meet at Belfast the last Tuesday in June 1766, sermon to begin at five o'clock afternoon. Next Synod

Mr Scott, a member of the Pby of Rout, desired with the consent of that Pby to be disannexed from them & joined to the Pby of Ballymena. This granted. Mr Scott

This Synod being well informed that Mr Erskine perseveres in the practice of various highly agrevated Immoralities, and tho' an opportunity, & notice by a copy of our Minutes, for two years past, has been given him, to vindicate his character, he has never attempted to do it, but in contempt of former admonitions & rebukes, he still persists in his Infamous practices, to the great prejudice & reproach of the Christian & Ministerial Character. The question was proposed, depose him, Mr Erskine, or not. The Roll called & it carried unanimously Depose. Messrs Kennedy & Laird were appointed to draw up & publish a notice of his deposition in the Belfast newspaper, & to be signed by ye Mod^r. Mr Erskine Deposed

Adjourned till six o'clock afternoon, Interloq^{r} at 5. Concluded w^{t} prayer.

5th Sess^{n}

5th Session. Thursday, at Six o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

Overtures

The Committee of overtures proposed the following overtures.

That whereas so few Min^{rs} attend the Genl Synod, to engage them to be more punctual in their attendance for the future, every member that absents himself from the annual meetings of the Synod, unless he can fully satisfie the Synod for his nonattendance, is to be mulcted in half a guinea, to be deducted out of his R.D., & paid into the widows fund: this matter refered to the consideration of the sev^{l} Pbys. until next meeting, & it is warmly recommended to each Pby seriously & deliberately to consider the affair & make report at next Genl Synod.

Religious fast

The Committee of overtures likewise proposed that the 4th Wednesday in 8ber next, or some day in that week, be observed as a religious fast, or set apart for the purposes of private & publick worship & Devotion, throughout the bounds of the Genl Synod. This agreed to.

The Committee of the fund did not meet as appointed, to draw up a Recommendation in favour of the collections for the arrear due Mr Menagh. Ordered that the collections be punctually made, agreeable to the resolution of a former Session, to that purpose, to make up deficiencies to him.

Fund

It was proposed & agreed to that a letter be wrote to each Pby in the Bounds of the Genl Synod, by Messrs Gibson, Macomb, Sims, & Richey, urging them to use diligence in raising the fund for the support of weak congregations, & to bring what may be collected for that purpose to next Genl Synod. These brethren to meet at Mountnorris the 3rd Wednesday in Augt next to draw up said letter.

Ordered that the Localities appointed Mr Willson of Moywater be continued to him, & punctual payments made.

The Mod^{r} concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st Interloq^{r}

Interloq^{r} 1st.

R.D.

At an Interloq^{r} consisting of the Genl Synod & Pby of Antrim, a letter from Mr Lang was read wherein he gives an acct. of the Div^{d} of the R.D. & of the vacant congregations for which ten Shills. quarterly is deducted, out of the R.D. for the widows fund.

Widows fund £6495 : 1 : 8.

A letter from the Trustees of the widows fund, was also read wherein they give an acct. y^{t} ye Capital of that Fund is six thousand four hundred & ninety five pounds, one shilling & eight pence. The state and circumstances of this fund, to be considered by the Committee of Overtures, & Pby of Antrim, who are to make their reports at next Interloq^{r}, Messrs Menagh, Mackay, & Niven, to answer the Trustees letter.

Interloq^r 2^d.

The Committee of Overtures & Pby of Antrim, having fixed upon no resolutions, since last Interloq^r relative to the widows fund. This Interloq^r proceeded to the consideration of that matter, and after some reasoning the following regulations were proposed, voted & agreed, to, namely.

Regulations

That a Deduction from the annuity of every widow or children of a subscriber to this fund, shall be made for the future at the rate of forty shill^s yearly, until such deductions, together w^t what the husband or father has paid in his lifetime, amount to the value of ten years subscriptions.

That an equal distribution shall be made to all annuitants. And that the widows & children hitherto receiving six and eight p^ds yearly. Shall therefore receive equal with other annuitants, when the deductions made from, together with the payments made, by their husbands & fathers, shall be equal to ten years subscriptions respectively.

But it being uncertain what annuity the fund will allow, that the classes at six eight or ten pounds, stand for this year. And that it be recommended to the members of the Genl Synod, and Pby of Antrim, to make exact calculations against next Synod, what annuity the fund will allow to all on an equal distribution.

The Clerk is allowed to make out an exact list of all min^rs that have died since June 1750, the time of their Deaths, and for this trouble, he he is to be allowed a proper compensation at next meeting of the Genl Synod.

Every constituent of the widows fund is allowed to rise some money, by Collection or otherwise, against next Synod, for strengthing the widows fund & if any neglect to make a contribution less or more half a Guinea is to be deducted out of his R. D. and paid into the widows fund.

This Interloq^r enjoined the sev^l Pbys to be punctual in making Returns at the annual meetings of the Genl Synod of all that are Subscribers to the fund.

Correct speaking

The Committee of overtures, proposed that it be recommended to the Sev^l Pbys that before the license young men to preach, they try them whither they read English with propriety, as some, by pronouncing words inproperly & ungramatically, have in their prayers and sermons given offence to men of taste· & occasion to speak contemptibly of them: This agreed to.

Inserted by

WILL: RODGERS, G.S. Clk.

August, 2^d 1765.

A Genl Synod at Belfast, June 24th, 1766.

Mr Huey Modr of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Danl 12. 3: and then constituted it by prayer, after which were present from the sevl Pbys as follows:

Minrs.	Elders.
Rout Pby.	
Dav. Smylie	Jno. Neilson
Robt. Brown	Jno. M'Mullan
Robt. Elder	Jacob Daviss
Wm. Knox	
Jacob Davis	
Jno. Loggan	Robt. Beers
Dublin Pby.	
Jas. Caldwell	
Monaghan Pby.	
Jas. Jackson	
Saml. Kennedy	
Jos. Martin	
Thos. Stewart	
Tyrone Pby.	
Jno. Gibson	
Jas. Todd	
Jno. White	Jas. Waters
Wm. M'Neally	
Wm. Kennedy	Wm. Anderson
Jno. M'Clelland	
Jas. Whiteside	
Wm. Willson	Mr. Saml. Laird
Geo. Murry	
Letterkenny Pby.	
Wm. Willson	
Derry Pby.	
Jno. Hood	
Arthur Kyle	
Bangor Pby.	
Jno. Moorhead	
Hu. Dickson	Wm. Willson
Saml. Alexander	Wm. Busbie
Jas. Huey	Mr. Jno. Moor
Jos. Kinkead	Jno. Cooper
Andw. Kennedy	
Wm. Laird	Gilbt. Orr
Jas. M'Kean	
Wm. Warnick	Mr. Barr
Richd Walker	Wm. Dunwoody
Jos. Mitchel	Jas. Williams
Wm. Rowan	
Jas. Hull	Mr. Cleveland
Jno. King	Hu. M'Kee
Jas. Cochran	Jas. M'Kee
Jas. Bryson	Mr. Frans. Patten
Hu. Smyth	Jno. Eagleson
Killyleagh Pby.	
Thos. Scott	
Gilbt. Kennedy	
Alexr. Macomb	
Jas. Armstrong	
Michl. Henry	Jno. Ferson
Jno. Strong	Saml. Bleckly
Robt. Smyth	Mr. M'Mean
Jno. Willamson	
Armagh Pby.	
Jno. Menagh	
Jas. Moody	
Henry Jackson	
Wm. Campbell	Mr. Jno. Moodie
Dromore Pby.	
Saml. Simms	
Alexr. Neilson	Mr. Jno. M'Minn
Isaac Patrick	
Robt. M'Clure	Saml. Bell
Jas. Birch	Jno. Lawry
Templepatrick Pby.	
Thos. Craford	
Jno. Lewson	
Wm. Henderson	
Jno. M'Connell	Hu. Moor
Wm. Rodgers	Mr. Beggs
Jno. Wright	Mr. Read
Robt. White	Mr. Dickson
Thos. Read	
David Fullerton	
Wm. Montgomery	Jas. Boyd
Jno. Bankhead	Hu. Campbell
Isaac Cowan	Hu. Donald

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Ballymena Pby.			
Jno. Brown			
Jas. Cochran	Mr. Jno. Cochran		
Jno. Logue	Mr. Jno. Thompson		
Jno. Rankin			
Chas. Brown	Mr. Alexr. Brown		
Jos. Douglas			
Robt. Kirkpatrick			

Mr Huey moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following brethren were named as a leet. Messrs Smylie, Jackson, McNeally, Kyle, Caldwell, Laird, Armstrong, Campbell, Patrick, Lewson, Cochran, & Warnick. The Roll was called & Mr Warnick chosen. Mr Rodgers continued Clerk. Modr. chosen Clk.

Ordered that the several Pbys meet this evening & prepare lists to be given to the Clk of the Synod to morrow morning, of their members for the sevl committes, as also an acct. of such minrs as have died, been ordained, Installed, licensed, or entered on trials, since last Genl Synod. Pbys to meet

Ordered that each Pby appoint one or more of their number to attend to morrow morning for prayer, and that a return be made of the persons appointed to the Modr this evening or early to morrow morning, prayer to continue from nine o'clock, until eleven, when open Synod shall begin. This session concluded wt prayer. Prayer

2d Session Wednesday at eleven o'clock after prayer, &c. 2d Session

The appointment for prayer was observed.

The Pbys gave in lists of their members for the sevl committees as also the following accounts, namely,

Rout Pby have licensed Mr Wm Knox, 9ber 18th 1765 & have ordained Mr Wm Knox, Augt 18th 1765 & Mr Jas Loggan, Novemr 24th 1765 both subscribed the confession of faith & widows fund. Licensed Ordained

Tyrone Pby have ordained Mr Wm Willson, 9ber 10th 1765 and Mr Murray, Decemr 10th 1765 both subscribed the confession of faith and widows fund & they have entered Mr Greer, on 1st trials. Ordained Trials

Monaghan Pby have ordained Mr Martin, 9ber 15th 1765 & Mr Stewart, 22d April 1766 both subscribed the confession of faith & widows fund. They report Mr Ambrose, died the 29th Decemr 1765 he was a subscriber to the widows fund & left a family. Ordained Dead

Derry Pby have ordained Mr Henry McKinly, 4th March 1766 he subscribed the widows fund, they have licensed Messrs Wm Stewart, and Hu. McClelland, & have entered on trials Messrs Jno Ervin, & Wm Dean. Ordained Licensed Trials

Licensed Ordained

Bangor Pby have licensed Messrs Grahams, & Kennedy, both subscribed the confession of faith, they have ordained M^{r} Hu. Smyth, June, 3^{d} 1766 hs subscribed the confession of faith, & widows fund.

Licensed Ordained Dead

Armagh Pby have licensed Mr Jno Moodie May 27th 1766, they ordained Mr Saml Livingston Augt 20th 1765 & Mr Dickson, 24th 9ber 1765, both subscribed the widows fund. They report that Mr Johnston, died 8ber 20th 1765, he was a subscriber to the widows fund, and left a widow & children.

Ordained Dead

Templepatrick Pby have ordained Mr Cowan Augt 20th 1765. He subscribed the Widows fund. They report Mr Dunbar died the 26th of April 1766. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund, & left a widow, &c.

Licensed

Ballymena Pby have licensed Mr Jno. Thompson. He subscribed according to order.

Synods Committee

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee are as follow—

Rout Pby Messrs Smylie & Henry w^{t} an Elder.

Monaghan Pby Messrs Jackson & Kennedy w^{t} an Elder.

Tyrone Pby Messrs Gibson & White with an Elder.

From Letterkenny & Strabane no return.

Derry Pby Messrs Ferguson & Hood with an Elder.

Bangor Pby Messrs Rowan & Malcom with an Elder.

Killyleagh Pby Messrs Macomb & Strong with an Elder.

Armagh Pby Messrs Jackson & Campbell w^{t} an Elder.

Dromore Pby Messrs Sims & Maclure with an Elder.

Templepatrick Pby Messrs Fullerton & Montgomery w^{t} an Elder.

Ballymena Pby Messrs Rankin & Douglass and an Elder.

Dunganon

These with our Mod^{r} & Clk are to meet at Dunganon when called by the Mod^{r} on any emergency, 15 to ba a quorum, whereof 12 at least are to be min^{rs}.

Mr King

This Synod inquired if the appointment of last had been observed with respect to the payment of the arrear of the fund charged on the Pby of Bangor by the congregation of Hollywood.

The consideration of this matter defered till afterwards.

The sev^{l} committees are ordered to meet immediately. Adjourned until one o'clock afternoon. This session concluded with prayer.

3^{d} *Session Wednesday, at one o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.*

Inquiry was made if the appointment of last Synod respecting the payment of the arrear of the fund due Mr Menagh had been observed, & it appeared that little has been done in that matter.

It was proposed & unanimously agreed to that it shou'd be warmly recommended to each Pby to use diligence in raising some money for Mr Menagh before next Synod, and to make this appointment the more successful the following brethren are appointed to speak to the members of their respective Pbys to observe the Synod's directions in this affair, to receive the money that may be raised for Mr Menagh & remit it to him—In Rout Pby, Mr Wm Knox; Dublin, Mr Vance; Monaghan, Mr Jackson; Tyrone, Mr White; Letterkenny, Mr Ben: Holms; Derry, Mr Ferguson; Bangor, Mr Huey; Killyleagh, Mr Armstrong; Armagh, Mr Jackson; Ballymena, Mr Jno. Brown; Strabane, Mr Craford; & in Templepatrick, Mr Rodgers. Mr Menagh

This Synod inquired if the members appointed to draw up & send to each congregation in the bounds of the Genl Synod a recommendation in favor of the fund for supporting weak congregations had observed that appointment, and it appeared they had observed it. Fund

The sevl Pbys are ordered to give their collections to Mr Macomb, a member of the committee of the fund; that committee to meet to-morrow morning at eight o'clock, & make their report to the Synod afterwards. The sevl committees are ordered to meet at four o'clock. Interloqr at six, open Synod to-morrow at twelve o'clock. This session concluded with prayer.

4th Session Thursday at twelve o'clock after prayer, &c. 4th Sessn

The Synod proceeded to consider the affair of the arrear of the fund due by the Pby of Bangor to the congregation of Hollywood. Mr Hull reported he had given Mr King for Bangor congregation one pound eighteen shills. & seven pence. Mr Warnick said he had some money for Mr King, & wou'd endeavour to raise more. This Synod recommend it warmly to the Pby of Bangor to be punctual in raising the fund money annually from their respective congregations, & also that they use diligence in raising some money to make compensation to Mr King before next Synod. Mr King

The committee of the fund report that they had formed a scheme for rendering the fund more successful. The scheme was read, considered and approved, & is as followeth. Scheme

1st. That there be a fixed Clerk whose salary shall be sixpence out of the pound paid into the fund.

2d. Let him keep a regular book containing an acct. of such minrs in the Genl Synod as have not been promised £30 annual stipend from their respective congregations. Let every Minister's collection or a rect from the minr to whom he has paid it be entered yearly in this book in the presence of the Committee of the fund.

3d. Let it be an instruction to each Pby to send their contributions to the Clk of this fund, by one of their number at the hour appointed for the meeting of the sevl committees, and the ministers on the list or their order, do likewise, at that hour, attend the committee of the fund.

4th. When all the collections are recd let two thirds, thereof be divided in exact proportion to what the stipend promised each minr on the list falls short of £30 annual stipend : the other third to be distributed at the discretion of the committee & as the circumstances of the minrs on the list may require, no less than nine of the committee to act in the distribution of this last third.

5th. That the sevl Distributions be recorded likewise in the committees Book, and the whole read in open Synod for the satisfaction of all concerned. They likewise report that Mr Macomb was elected their Clerk.

Next Synod

It was agreed that the time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now, the question was put meet at Dunganon or Lurgan, the Roll called & it carried to meet at Lurgan, the last Tuesday in June, 1767, Sermon to begin at five o'clock afternoon.

Adjourned until seven o'clock. Interloqr at six. Concluded with prayer.

5th Session Thursday at Seven oclock afternoon, after prayer &c.

The committee of the fund produced an acct. of what money they had recd & rects for what money had been paid to minrs on the fund : and as there cannot be a list made out at present of the congregations that do not pay £30 annual stipend, it was recommended to each Pby, that they make out lists of such congregations & return them to next Genl Synod, and all enjoined in the warmest manner to make contributions for that fund, before the meeting of next G. Synod.

Caple Street

Mr Caldwell in the name of the congregation of Caple Street requested that each Pby in the bounds of the Genl Synod shou'd be enjoined to send such suppliers to that Congn as they may apply for, until next meeting. This granted.

The Modr. concluded this Synod with prayer.

Interloqr. 1st.

Widows Fund

At an Interloqr consisting of the G. Synod & Pby of Antrim, a letter from the trustees of the widows fund was read, wherein they give an acct that the amount of that fund is £6716 10 11.

And upon reading the regulations of last year relative to that fund it was debated whether there shou'd be different classes, of the annuitants or not. The Roll was called & it carryed by a great majority, that there shou'd be no classes but that all annuitants, shall hereafter, have an equal share of the produce of the fund annually, after ten years subscriptions according to the Resolution of last year.

The gentlemen who made calculations relative to the widows fund, together with any other that please to join them, are desired to meet to morrow morning at ten o'clock, compare their sevl calculations, & fix upon one that will be proposed to next Interloqr.

2d Interloqr.

The members that made calculations respecting the Widows fund report that upon comparing their sevl calculations they find that the fund will not allow more than an annuity of eight pounds to each widow or family of a deceased minr. They find likewise yt the present annuitants have recd each an annuity [of] more than eight pounds from their commencement, in the proportions following:—

Mrs Murray Dr to ye fund the 1st day of Janry 1766	..	£24	7	2
Mrs Lynd	Do ..	41	6	8
Mrs Stirling	Do ..	22	17	2
Mrs Read	Do ..	30	0	0
Mrs O'Bryan	Do ..	29	6	8
Mrs Henderson	Do ..	30	0	0
Mrs Orr	Do ..	28	13	4
Mrs Tim White	Do	24	0	0
Mrs Thompson	Do ..	23	6	8
Mrs Macurdy	Do ..	15	6	8
Mrs Patton	Do ..	8	6	8
Mrs Hill	Do ..	5	6	8
Mrs McBride	Do ..	4	16	8
Mrs Macewin	Do ..	24	0	0
Mrs Gawdy	Do ..	10	0	0
Mr Wallace's family	Do ..	10	0	0

Resolved, that a deduction at ye rate of four pounds a year shall be made from the annuity of each of the preceding annuitants, & paid into the fund until the sums they respectively owe be paid up.

Mr Plunket's family Dr £11 10 0 Five pounds fifteen shills. to be deducted from ym for 2 yrs to come.

Mr Boyd's family Dr to ye fund .. £10 10 0 Three pounds ten shills. to be deducted from their annuity for three years to come. And from the following annuitants at the rate of two pounds a year until the sums they owe be paid.

Mrs Clarke Dr to ye fund	..	£28	6	8
Mrs Semple	Do ..	17	13	4
Mrs McClaine	Do ..	24	0	0
Mrs Dean	Do ..	10	0	0
Mrs White	Do ..	10	0	0
Mrs Armstrong	Do ..	10	0	0
Mrs McKee	Do ..	10	0	0
Mrs Kennedy	Do ..	10	0	0
Mrs Peebles	Do ..	8	10	0
Mrs Gordon	Do ..	8	0	0
Mrs Malcom	Do ..	8	0	0
Mrs Strabridge	Do ..	8	0	0
Mrs Cochran	Do ..	8	0	0
Mrs Algeo	Do ..	7	10	0
Mrs Delap	Do ..	7	10	0
Mrs Bond	Do ..	7	10	0
Mrs King	Do ..	7	0	0
Mrs Thompson	Do ..	6	0	0
Mrs Buchanan	Do ..	4	5	0
Mrs Maxwell	Do ..	4	5	0
Mrs Hamilton	Do ..	4	0	0
Mrs Allen's family	Do	4	0	0
Mrs Turretine	Do ..	3	0	0
Mrs Thompson's family	Do ..	1	11	6
Mrs Worling	Do ..	1	15	6
Mrs Fergie	Do ..	1	8	0
Mrs Cherrie	Do ..	1	6	8
Mrs Lyle	Do ..	1	6	6
Mrs Cochran	Do ..	1	2	0

In all £563 : 10 : 8

Contributions

The sev[l] Pbys were desired to inform the Interloq[r] if they had observed the appointment of last Synod in raising contributions for the widows fund . M[r] Hood said he had twenty guineas from the City of Derry, & one from the congregation of Birt, no more appeared from that Pby. M[r] Warnick, of Bangor Pby said he had five guineas from Lady Mountalexander, no other contribution from that Pby. M[r] Campbel of Armagh collected six pounds, no other in that Pby collected. M[r] Kinneer in Monaghan Pby, remitted eight shills. & eight pence, the other members in y[t] Pby had not raised any money for the fund, since last Gen[l] Synod, nor does it appear that any other of the Pbys have collected.

The Interloq[r] proceeded to consider the expediency of deducting half a guinea from each member's portion of the R.D. that have not raised any money for the fund since last Synod & it was agreed to defer the doing of that, at this time & that the appointment of last Synod be renewed & if any min[r] declines making a publick collection, he is at liberty ro raise some money in a private manner, or pay half a guinea, into the fund, as he shall chuse. The above contributions which amount to £36 0 2 were remitted to Ja[s] Dunn, Esq[r] one of the trustees for the fund. by Bill on Mess[rs] Jas. & Hu. Lang from M[r] Rodgers.

Resolved that Mess[rs] Kennedy, Jackson, & Campbel, shall ans[r] the the Trustees letter & recommend it to them that, if they think proper a purchase in land, shou'd be made with the money in their trust for the widows fund, & the sev[l] constituents of that fund, are ordered to inform the trustees if any purchase of that kind occurs to them.

Letter

Mess[rs] Drenan & Huey are appointed to write a letter of thanks to Lady Mountalexander for her kind donation to the Widows Fund.

Clks. fees

It was proposed and unanimously agreed to, that the Synod's Clks fees instead of one shilling annually from each member of the Synod, shall be one shilling & seven pence half penny, & 6½ from each member of the Pby of Antrim.

Widows on 4l list

A motion was made by a member of the committee of overtures that there shou'd be a new regulation, with respect to the Widows on the four pound list, as he apprehended that sev[l] Persons had the benefit thereof, who had not a right thereto, as they were not in needy circumstances, & had been put into that list by the recommendation of some min[r] or ministers, out of favor & affection, the committee considered that affair, and were of opinion, that every Pby shou'd take care of the widows within their respective bounds and support such as they looked upon to be in indigent circumstances, in such a way as they shall think proper. This overture was considered & approved & the Clerk of Synod ordered to inform M[r] Lang of this resolution.

It was also overtured that no min[r] who has not a cong[n] shall hereafter receive any part of the R.D.—The Interloq[r] considered this overture, likewise, & finding that M[r] Henderson, M[r] M[c]Collum, M[r]

Knox, Mr Murray, & Mr Neilson, have not congns were of opinion that neither these Gentlemen nor any others, not having congregations, have any title to the R:D:—The Clerk of the Synod ordered to write Mr Lang that he may not send them any share of it, due after the 25th of June Inst.

Inserted by

WILL ROGERS: G:S. Clk.

Augt 11th 1766.

A Genl. Synod at Lurgan, June, 30th, 1767.

Mr Warnick the Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from 2 Cor. 1, 12, then constituted it by prayer, after which were present from the sevl Pbys as followeth.

Minrs.	Elders.
Strabane Pby.	
Wm. Craford	
Colerain Pby.	
Jno. Simson	
Wm. Knox	
Monaghan Pby.	
Geo. Carson	
Wm. Fleming	Jas. Gllespy
Thos. Plunket	
James Jackson	Hen. Willson
Saml. Kennedy	
Wm. Smith	
Wm. Sproot	
Jno. Warnick	
James Kinneer	
Thos. Stewart	
Tyrone Pby.	
Jno. Gibson	
Chas. Caldwell	Thos. Kennedy
Adam Duffin	Ricd. Rea
Jas. Todd	
Jno. White	Mr. Whiteside
Jno. M'Neally	
Jno. M'Clelland	
Willm. Willson	
Letterkenny Pby.	
Wm. Willson	
Wm. Callender	
Bangor Pby.	
Jas. Huey	
Jos. Kinkead	
Andw. Kennedy	
Wm. Warnick	
Jos. Mitchell	
Wm. Rowan	
Jas. Cochran	
James Bryson	
Hu. Smith	

Minrs.	Elders.
Killeleagh Pby.	
Gilbt. Kennedy	
Jas. Armstrong	Jno. Clark
Michl. Henry	
Jno. Strong	
Robt. Smith	Jas. Craford
Mos. Neilson	
Armagh Pby.	
Jno. Menagh	Jno. Miller
Jas. Moodie	
Geo. Ferguson	
Hen. Jackson	
Wm. Campbel	Jno. Rowan
Saml. Livingston	Jno. Black.
Robt. Dickson	
Jno. Dunbar	
Dromore Pby.	
Saml. Sims	Chas. Orr
Alexr. Neilson	Wm. Paxton
Wm. Henry	Jno. Scott
Isaac Patrick	Jas. M'Cullogh
Robt. Maclure	Jno. Scott
Saml. Barbar	Mr. Litle
Geo. Richey	
Jas. Birch	Jas. Baxter
Jno. Thompson	Jas. Tate
Templepatrick Pby.	
Willm. Rodgers	Mr. Dickson
Jno. Wright	Mr. Stephenson
Wm. Montgomery	
Ballymena Pby.	
Jas. Cochran	Jno. Hindman
Jas. White	
Jno. Rankin	
Jas. Cuming	
Robt. Kirkpatrick	

Mr Warnick Moderator of the former Synod, moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, the following brethren were named as a leet. Messrs Craford, Todd, Carson, Willson, Bryson, Campbell, Neilson, Wright, Kirkpatrick, & Armstrong. The Roll was called & Mr Armstrong was chosen, Mr Rodgers continued Clerk. Modr chosen Clk

Ordered that the sevl Pbys meet this morning & prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod tomorrow morning of their members for the several Committees, as also an acct of such ministers as have died, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed or entered on trials since last Genl Synod. Pbys to meet

Ordered that each Pby appoint one or more of their members to attend to morrow morning for prayer, and that a return be made this evening, to the Moderator of the persons appointed; prayer to continue from nine o'clook until eleven, when open synod shall begin. This session concluded with prayer. Prayer

2d Session Wednesday, at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer &c. 2d Session

The appointment for prayer was observed.

The Pbys gave in Lists of their members for the several committees, as also the following accounts namely.

Strabane Pby ordained Mr Wm Craford at Strabane, 6th Febry, 1766, he subscribed the Widows Fund. Ordd

Letterkenny Pby ordd Mr James Taylor at Convoy, the 28th Augt, 1766, Mr McDowell at Ballykelly, 2d September, 1766, Mr Jas Love at Stranolar & Mr Robt Caldwell for Donegal, Mount Charles & Beleek ye 16th June, 1767, all subscribed the Westminster Confession of faith & Widows Fund.—That Pby have licensed Mr Jno. Harris, & have entered Messrs Saml Patton, Andw. Miller, Jas Turretine & Mr McNeally on first trials, they report Mrs Hamilton died in March, 1767, she left children. Ordd Licensed Trials Dead

Derry Pby report that Mr Walker died 21st July 1766, & Mr Hare died ye *——; each left a widow & children. Dead

Dublin Pby Installed Mr Jno Beard from the Isle Man in Capel Street Janry 11th 1767. He subscribed the confession of faith & the Widows fund. Installed

Coleraine Pby report that Mr Hu: Gaston died 15th 8ber 1766, & Mr Robt Brown the 18th May 1767. Both subscribed to the Widows fund, & each left a widow & children. Dead Dead

Killyleagh Pby ordained Mr Neilson in Kilmore. He subscribed the Widows fund. Ordd

Armagh Pby licensed Mr Jno Best. Licensed

Dromore Pby licensed Messrs Jos: Litle, Saml Kennedy, & Jas McAulay. They ordained Mr Jno. Thompson at Carnmoney 10th March 1767. He subscribed the Widows fund. Licensed Ordd

* Date omitted.

Licensed

Templepatrick Pby licensed Mr William Dickson.

Ballymena Pby have licensed Messrs Jno Cochran & Fran^s Gray.

Comttee

The members of the Genl Synods fixed Committee are ye same as last year. They with our Mod^r & Clk are to meet at Dunganon when called by the Mod^r on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 are to be min^rs.

Mr Menagh

The members appointed at last Genl Synod to receive from their respective Pbys the Contributions ordered to Mr Menagh as a compensation for the great arrear of the fund due to him were desired to inform this Synod what success they had in that affair, and it appeared that some observed the appointment & many did not. Ordered that such as have not observed it do it before next Genl Synod, and the following members are enjoined to remind their respective Pbys to be punctual in attending to this appointment, viz:—In Strabane Pby, Mr Craford; in Coleraine, Messrs Simson & Knox; in Monaghan, Messrs Plunket & Fleming; in Tyrone, Messrs Caldwell & White; in Letterkenny, Mr Ben: Holms; in Derry, Mr Hood; in Bangor, Messrs Huey & Laird; in Killyleagh, Messrs Armstrong & Smith; in Dromore, Messrs Birch & Patrick; in Templepatrick, Messrs White & Rodgers; & in Ballymena Pby, Messrs Cochran & Rankin.

Mr Edwards

The Revd Mr Morgan Edwards, from North America, being present, was invited to sit & vote as a member of this Synod, & he consented to do it.

Bangor Pby

The Pby of Bangor were desired to inform this Synod if collections for the Synod's fund had been raised in their several congregations since last Genl Synod, & it appeared that few had been made for that purpose. This Synod recommend it warmly to that Pby to urge their congreg^ns, as many of them are numerous & wealthy, to be liberal in their contributions to the fund; and it is likewise recommended to all Pbys in the bounds of the Genl Synod to be very attentive to the Intrest of that fund, to make collections in their several congregations & bring them to next Synod, that they may be distributed for the support of ministers in weak congreg^ns, as the Synod shall direct.

Fund

Upon reading the minutes of last Genl Synod respecting the regulations then formed relative to the Synod's fund, it was proposed and agreed to that every Pby make a return of the congregations in their several bounds whose annual stipend does not amount to £30. This return to be made at next session, & laid before the committee of the fund at their first meeting, that the fund may be distributed in due proportion, & the Pbys who have few members here present were ordered to make such return at next Genl Synod.

Pby Antrim

It was unanimously agreed that the Pby of Antrim, now present, shou'd be invited to correspond with this Synod. The Invitation being given they returned their thanks for the compliment offered them, and expressed their readiness to give their opinions when asked with freedom & candor, but begged to be excused from giving their votes in anything that implied Jurisdiction.

The several committees are ordered to meet immediately. Adjourned until six o'clock afternoon; Interloq^{r} at four. This session concluded w^{t} prayer.

3^{d} Session Wednesday, at six o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c. 3d Sess^{n}.

The Pbys were called according to a former resolution to make a return of such congregations in their several bounds as did not promise £30 annually to their ministers & were upon the fund. The following were returned:—In Monaghan Pby, Castleblainy and Killinker; in Tyrone, Venecash & Loghgall; in Letterkenny, Moywater & Sligo; in Bangor, Hollywood, Ballinderry & Moyra; in Killyleagh, Cregan; in Armagh, Lurgan, Narowater & Carlingford. Fund

Resolved, that the time & place of next Synods meeting be fixed now, and the question was put, meet at Dungannon or Lurgan, the Roll called, & it carried to meet at Lurgan the last Tuesday in June 1768; sermon to begin at five o'clock afternoon. Next Synod

From Killyleagh appeared commissioners Messrs Thos Lindsay, Thos Taylor, Nathl Harron, &c., supplicating that this Synod wou'd be pleased to use such methods as to their wisdoms may appear most proper for effecting the speedy setlement of Mr Hays as their fixed pastor. They offered many allegations for the desired setlement, particularly that a rule which they who are in the opposition to this setlement judged to be in their favour—namely, that where two-thirds of a congregation, men & money, are not for a minister, he ought not to be fixed in that place; that this rule ought not to be attended to in the present case. Killyleagh

From Killyleagh also appeared Messrs Ja^{s} Jardon, Jno Duff, Ja^{s} Richeson, &c., remonstrating against the settlement of Mr Hays in that congregation. They alleged that there were 159 in the opposition to his setlement, whose annual stipend amounted to £27:10:0, & that the people for it number 267, paid only £32:9:0.

A letter from Jno. Blackwood, Esq., to our Moderator was also read, wherein he gives it as his opinion that the peace & unanimity of Killyleagh congregation (which are objects of his attention) will not be promoted by fixing Mr Hays min^{r} in that place. He therefore remonstrates against his setlement, & hopes this Synod will not encourage it. Mr Blackwood

The parties for & against Mr Hays setlement in Killyleagh wer fully heard, the Pby of Killyleagh were also heard, who declared that tho' they used their best endeavours to bring about a reconciliation between the contending parties in the congregation of Killyleagh such a party spirit still existed as put it out of their power to proceed to the setlement of Mr Hays, & therefore they have refered the determination thereof to this Synod. Mr Blackwood's letter was also considered, & Mr Hays heard. The parties being removed, the Synod resolved that the following brethren, Messrs Moodie, Menagh, Gibson, Caldwell, Plunket, Campbell, & Huey converse with Mr Hays, and with the commissioners, for & against his being minister of Killyleagh, endeavour to reconcile the contending parties, & make report to the Synod at next session.

Adjourned until tomorrow at one o'clock afternoon, Interloq^{r} at ten forenoon. This session concluded with prayer.

4th Session Thursday, at one o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

The brethren appointed to converse with Mr Hays & the Commissioners from Killyleagh observed the appointment.

Mr Hays appeared & gave it as his opinion that it would not serve the Intrest of Killyleagh in their present situation shou'd he become their minister, and therefore tho' he has & still will retain a grateful sense of his obligations to his friends of that cong^{n}, & will entertain no resentment against such as he imagines used him ill, he cannot think of becoming min^{r} in that place. He likewise appealed to the Pby of Killyleagh for a character, of his capacity as a preacher, and of his morals. that Pby and several other members of the Synod gave a very ample character of his capacity, doctrine & morals. The commissioners, in the opposition to his settlement, affirmed they had no exception to Mr Hay's character, but believed him to be a well behaved young gentleman, tho' they did not chuse him for their minister. This Synod approved the conduct of Mr Hay in declining to be fixed in Killyleagh, & thinks he has behaved as became a min^{r} of peace; and they enjoined the congregation of Killyleagh to be generous in paying him since the time he received their call, & recommend to that people to gard against all divise courses for the future. A Copy of this minute to be read upon a Lord's day to that congregation by a member of Killyleagh Pby as soon as may be convenient. Messrs White & Campbell to answer Mr Blackwood's letter.

A Joint Supplication from the commissioners of Killyleagh was presented to this Synod, wherein they request that each of the following Probationers be appointed to supply that cong^{n} for four Lord's days—viz., Mr Litle to commence the 3^{d} Lord's day in July inst.; Mr Lynd the 3^{d} in Aug^{t}, & Mr Merceer the 2^{d} in Sep^{r}: Mr Cochran the 2^{d} in 8ber; & Mr Rodgers the 2^{d} Lord's day in November. This granted.

Mr Warnick

Mr Warnick was requested to print his sermon which he preached at the opening of this Synod.

Lisluny

From Lisluny appeared commissioners Messrs Huggins & Irvine, supplicating that Mr Hays be appointed to supply that congregation the month of July Inst, & the first Lord's day in Aug^{t}, & liberty to apply to the several Pbys in the Genl Synod for other suppliers if they shall see cause. This granted.

Adjourned until six o'clock afternoon; Interloq^{r} at four. This session concluded with prayer.

5th Session Thursday, at six o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

Application was made to this Synod by Messrs Huey, Warnick, Cochran & Smith, of the Pby of Bangor, representing that whereas that

Pby, by the accession of several congregations from other Pbys, is become so large as to render it inconvenient for several of its members to attend the meetings thereof, it hath for that reason been their opinion, and the opinion of several other members of that Pby for some time past, that it would be for their advantage if it were divided into two, which it is apprehended may be easily done, & therefore they request y^t power may be granted to the Subsynod of Belfast to do this at their next meeting, but still so as it may be effected w^t ye consent & at ye option of y^t Pby: Resolved, y^t the Subsynod of Belfast grant ye above request, provided ye Pby of Bangor be unanimous in it.

Y^e Mod^r conc^d ye Synod w^t prayer.

1st *Interloq^r*.

At an Interloq^r, consisting of the Genl Synod & Pby of Antrim, upon reviewing the minutes of last years Interloq^r, that ministers not having congregations shou'd have no part of the R:D:, it was unanimously agreed that the meaning of that resolution is not to be so understood, as that min^rs not able thro' age or infirmities to exercise their ministry shou'd be excluded from the benefit of the R:D: R.D. old Min^rs

It was observed that Mr Macraken in Strabane Pby was not particularly mentioned tho' included in the number of those y^t were to have no share of the R:D: after the 25th June 1766 except what was due them before that time. The Clk of the Synod was ordered not to return him to Mr Lang. M^r McCraken

It was moved that no person who now is or shall be a subscriber to the Widows fund shall have it in his power to withdraw his subscription money from that fund on any account whatsoever. After some reasoning the question was proposed, agree to the motion or not? the Roll called, & it carried in the affirmative. Subscribers to ye Fund

A letter from the Trustees of the Widows fund was read, wherein it appears that the amount of that fund ye 13th June 1767 was £6960 16 3½ they express likewise a sensible concern, at the small increase of that fund & give it as their opinion (by Mr Moodie who attended the Trustees at some of their late meetings) that the only probable method of increasing the fund will be by appointing collections in all the Congregations of its constituents, they likewise signified their approbation of purchasing Land with the money in their trust. Resolved that it be recommended to the constituents of the fund to make collections in their respective Congregations before next Synod, & if any declines to give publick notice to his Congregation for a collection to the fund, or does not by private applications procure at least half a guinea, he is to pay half a guinea into the fund. Letter Collections

Messrs Mackay & Colvil to answer the Trustees letter signifie ye resolutions to them & Intreat their influence to revive the collections in the City of Dublin.

The Interloq^r having considered what the Trustees say upon Laying out the fund in purchasing Land, resolved that a Committee

consisting of two members from each Pby, not exceeding twelve in number, & three from each Pby exceeding twelve shall be appointed with whose concurrence the Trustees shall be impowered to make a purchase, which Committee is to be called by the Mod^{r} of the Genl Synod, to meet at Lurgan when he sees cause. And the following are the members—from Strabane Pby, Messrs Scott & Neilson—Coleraine, Messrs David Smylie, Henry, & Robt. Smylie—from Dublin, Messrs Kilburn & Caldwell—from Monaghan, Messrs Carson, Plunket & Hamilton—from Tyrone, Messrs Gibson, Caldwell, & White—from Letterkenny, Messrs Marshel, Burk & Ben. Holms—from Derry, Messrs Hood & Kyle—from Bangor, Messrs Huey, Hull & Warnick—from Killyleagh, Messrs Kennedy & Macomb—from Armagh, Messrs Jackson & Campbel—from Dromore, Messrs Simms & Maclure—from Templepatrick, Messrs Lewson & White—from Ballymena, Mess^{r} Cochran & Rankin, and from Antrim Pbys Messrs Colvil & Mackay, these or any others the Pbys shall judge proper to appoint shall be the members, 13 to [be] a quorum.

The Gentlemen appointed to answer the Trustees letter, brought in the Draught of an answer, w^{c} [was] read & approved & signed by the Mod^{r} & Clk.

The following contributions for the widows fund were brought to this Interloq^{r} & deposited with Mr Richey by him to be transmitted to Mr Lang.

From Glenan ..	£1	2	9	Magherafelt ..	£0	12	0
Coleraine ..	0	11	4½	Mr Stewart in ...			
Cssledawson ..	0	11	4½	Monaghan Pby ..	2	1	10½
Garvagh ..	0	11	4½	Portaferry ..	0	11	4½
Macasky ..	0	8	1½	Tobermore ..	0	13	9½
Strabane ..	0	5	5	Mr Murray in ..			
				Tyrone ..	0	15	8
				In all	£7	15	1

Ordered that the sev^{l} Pbys when they report annually to the Clerk of the Genl Synod, the min^{rs} that have died from the time of ye meeting of ye Synod, until next G. Synod, shall likewise make a return of the widows, upon the fund that die, in that period, that information thereof may be given to Mr Lang the Trustees Secretary.

Inserted by

WILL. RODGERS, G.S.C.

8ber 6th, 1767

A Genl Synod at Lurgan, June 28th, 1768.

Mr Armstrong Moderator of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from 2 P: 1, 3, then constituted it by prayer, after which were present from the several Pbys as followeth:—

Minrs.	Elders
Rout Pby.	
Robt. Henry	
Jno. Camron	
Dublin Pby.	
Jas. Caldwell	Mr. Wm. Young
Monaghan Pby.	
Wm. Fleming	
Jas. Jackson	
Jas. Hamilton	
Saml. Kennedy	
Wm. Sproot	
James Kinneer	
Wm. Moor	
Tyrone Pby.	
Jno. Gibson	
Adam Duffin	
Jas. Todd	Mos. Paul
Jno. White	
Wm. M'Neally	
Wm. Kennedy	Alexr. Maccewen
Jno. M'Clelland	Jas. Brown
Wm. Willson	Mr. Robt. Moor
Geo. Murray	Mr. Jno. Maconchy
Letterkenny Pby.	
Jas. Knox	
Ben. M'Dowell	
Bangor Pby.	
Hu. Dickson	Jno. Pentleton
Saml. Alexander	Wm. Busby
Wm. Laird	
Richd. Walker	Jas. M'Kee
Jos. Mitchell	Wm. Peery
Wm. Rowan	Frans. Murray
Jas. Cochran	
Jas. Bryson	Mr. Wm. Stitt
Hu. Smyth	Mr. Miller

Minrs.	Elders
Armagh Pby.	
Jno. Menagh	Mr. Miller
Geo. Ferguson	
Henry Jackson	Geo. Mulhollan
Wm. Campbell	Mr. Jno. Kane
Saml. Livingstone	Mr. Gillis
Robt. Dickson	
Dromore Pdy.	
Saml. Simms	Mr. Jno. M'Kee
Alexr. Neilson	Mos. Caruthers
Wm. Henry	Jno. Jamison
Jno. Smyth	
Isaac Patrick	
Robt. M'Clure	Jno. Carson
Saml. Barbar	Wm. Scott
Geo. Richey	
Jas. Birch	Jno. Sproot
Jno. Thompson	Mat. Hughes
Templepatrick Pby.	
Wm. Rodgers	
Jno. Wright	Mr. Stephenson
Robt. White	
Wm. Montgomery	
Jno. Bankhead	Jno. Huey
Ballymena Pby.	
Jas. Cochran	Mr. Jno. Cochran
Jno. Rankin	
Jas. Cuming	
Killyleagh Pby.	
Gilbt. Kennedy	
Alexr. Macomb	Jas. Donaldson
Jas. Armstroug	Mr. Jas. Stoop
Jno. Strong	
Robt. Smyth	
Mos. Neilson	
Strabane Pby.	
Jas. Torbet	
Willm. Craford	Mr. Merceer

Mod^r chosen

Mr Armstrong moved that another be chosen to Moderate in this Synod. The following brethren were named as a leet, Messrs Caldwell, Hamilton, McClelland, McDowell, Bryson, Strong, White, Cuming, Heury, Craford, & Camron, the Roll was called & Mr Camron chosen; Mr Rodgers continued Clk.

Clk

Ordered that the sev^l Pbys meet this evening, & prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to morrow morning, of their members for the sev^l Committees, of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund & Genl Synod's Fixed Committee, as also an acc^t of such Ministers as have died, been ordained, Installed licensed, or entered on trials since last Genl Synod.

Widows

Ordered that the sev^l Pbys in their returns to the Clerk of the Synod give an acc^t of the Widows upon the fund that have died since last G. Synod, also of the widows & women now living that have been min^rs wives, & are not upon the fund.

Prayer

Ordered that each Pby appoint one or more of their members to attend to morrow morning for prayer, & the names of persons appointed be returned to the Mod^r this evening, or earlie to morrow morning, prayer to continue from nine o'clock until eleven, when open Synod shall begin.

This Session concluded with prayer.

2^d Session Wednesday at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

The appointment for prayer was observed.

The Pbys gave in Lists of their members for the sev^l Committees as also the following accounts, namely—

Trials

The Pby of Rout have entered Mr Caldwell on 1st trials. They report there is one ministers widow in their bounds besides those on the fund.

Ord^d

Monaghan Pby have ordained Mr Moor at Banbreky, June 22^d 1768; he subscribed the widow's fund. They have entered Mr Geo: Harrison on 2^d trials.

Trials

Tyrone & Killyleagh Pbys have each one minister's widow not upon the fund.

Letterkenny Pby have licensed Messrs Miller, Patton, Turretine & McNeally; all subscribed the Westminster confession of faith. They report that Mrs Stirling, a widow upon the fund in their bounds, died the 20th 8ber, 1767.

Widow dead

Ord^d

Bangor Pby have ordained Mr David McKee for South Carolina. They have licensed Messrs Jno. Adams & Jno. Stoop & have entered Messrs William Stitt, Robt. Porter & Willm Miller on 1st trials. They report that Mr Warnick died Jan^ry 19th, 1768; he was a subscriber to the widows fund & left a widow & children. Three ministers widows in their bounds not upon the fund.

Dead

Antrim Pby report that Mrs Henderson, a widow in their bounds, died the 23rd Janry, 1768, & that Mr Drenan died the 12th Febry, 1768; he was a subscriber to the widows fund & left a widow & children. A widow dead Dead

Armagh Pby have three minrs widows in their bounds not upon the fund.

Templepatrick Pby have licensed Mr Stephenson. There is one minister's widow in their bounds, & one in Ballymena Pby not upon ye fund. Licensed

The members of Synod's fixed committee are as followeth: Fixed Comttee

For Rout Pby Messrs David Smylie & Henry with an Elder.
Monaghan Pby Messrs Plunket & Hamilton with an Elder.
Tyrone Pby Messrs Gibson & White with an Elder.
Bangor Pby Messrs Rowan & Bryson with an Elder.
Killyleagh Pby Messrs Macomb & Strong with an Elder.
Dromore Pby Messrs Simms & Smyth with an Elder.
Templepatrick Pby Messrs Lewson & White with an Elder.
Ballymena Pby Messrs Cochran & Rankin with an Elder.
Strabane, Dublin, & Derry, no return.
Letterkenny Pby Messrs Marshell & McDowell & an Elder.

These with our Modr & Clerk are to meet in Dunganon when called by the Modr on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, whereof 12 are to be minrs.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Synod write to absent Pbys for an acct of the widows & families upon the fund, that he may be able to furnish Mr Lang with an exact List of the annuitants, and also of the widows, or women, that have been ministers wives, which he is to Ingross in the Synods Minutes. Synods fund

Upon Inquiry it appeared that the members ordered by last G. Synod to remind their respective Pbys of the appointment for making collections, as a compensation to Mr Menagh for the great arrear of the fund due to him, have not met with success in that matter. After reasoning for some time upon the expediency of continuing the recommendation in favour of Mr Menagh, or not, the Roll was called, & it carried continue, by a great majority. Accordingly this Synod recommend it warmly to such members as have not collected, to make compensation to Mr Menagh that they do it before next meeting of the Genl Synod. Mr Menagh

Ordered that the Collections for the Synods fund be paid to the Committee of that fund who are to Distribute them, according to the regulations formed for the purposes of it—and such as have not collected since last Genl Synod, are enjoined to do it before next; and it is to be hoped and expected that they, and all other members of this Synod will use their best endeavours to excite their respective Congregations to be generous in their contributions to this charitable fund.

Next Synod

Resolved that the time and place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now. Armagh, Lurgan, & Dunganon were named as a leet—the Roll called, & it carried to meet at Dunganon, the Last Tuesday in June, 1769. Sermon to begin at 5 o'clock afternoon.

The Several Committees are ordered to meet at 4 o'clock, Interloq^{r} at five, open Synod at seven; this Session concluded with prayer.

3^{d} Session Wednesday at Seven o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

Carickfergus

A Supplication from Carickfergus was presented to this Synod by Messrs Wm Boyd & Thos. Legg, Commissioners, wherein they Intreat that Mr Litle a Probationer in the Pby of Killyleagh be appointed to supply that Cong^{n} six Lords Days commencing the 1st Lords day in July next — they likewise supplicate that the sev^{l} Pbys in the bounds of the Genl Synod be enjoined to send them such suppliers as they may have occasion to apply for, until next meeting of the Genl Synod, the likewise Intreat that Mr Dick a probationer in the Pby of Templepatrick be appointed to supply them, after Mr Litle until the next meeting of that Pby.

Some members of Killyleagh Congregation, to which Mr Litle is now under Call appeared & objected to the Synod's appointing Mr Litle to the Congregation of Carickfergus. The Pby of Killileagh gave it as their opinion, that sending him six Lords days to Carickfergus wou'd be very inexpedient & might be attended with Disagreeable consequences, & they offered some reasons against his leaving Killyleagh any part of the month July. Several members of the Synod were of the same opinion, with the Pby of Killyleagh. Some urged Mr Litle shou'd be appointed four Lords days to Carickfergus, others two, the Roll was called, and it carried that he shou'd supply that Congregation the 2^{d} & 3^{d} Lords days of Augt only. The other parts of Carickfergus supplication granted.

Adjourned until to-morrow at twelve oclock, Interloq^{r} at eight. Concluded w^{t} prayer.

4th Session Thursday at 12 o'clock, after prayer, &c.

Mr Todd

A supplication from Mr Todd was presented to this Synod, wherein he intreats that some expedient may be thought of for paying him ninety five pounds, five shills. & three pence, arrear of the fund promised his Cong^{n}, to enable them to have a minister fixed amongst them, for making good which fund he thinks the honour, & fidelity of the Genl Synod are concerned.

The Synod much concerned to find that there is such an arrear of the fund due Mr Todd, order the Pby of Tyrone to use their best endeavours to have all the fund money due in their bounds, raised as speedily as possible, and Justice done as far as in their power to Mr Todd in the Distribution of it.

A supplication subscribed by fourty eight persons, who call themselves, members of Markethill Congregation was presented to this Synod by Robt. Dougan, wherein they express Disaffection to Mr Ferguson's ministry, and pray that suppliers (not from Armagh) but some other Pby may be appointed to them. It was proposed by a member of the Synod & unanimously agreed to, that the fourty eight persons signing the above application, shall have dismisses from the Congregation of Markethill upon paying what stipend they owe there and Liberty to join any other Congregation as they shall judge proper. Markethill

By a letter from the Pby of Rout was read in this Synod, it appears they have erected a Congregation in their bounds by the name of Armoy. The Synod unanimously agreed that the erection of Armoy ought not to be looked upon as valid—and therefore think the Pby of Rout have acted out of Character in taking upon them, to make such an erection, but in the mean time they are allowed to supply the people of Armoy if they see cause, until next meeting of the Gen[l] Synod. Armoy

The Pby of Dromore requested that they might be annexed to the Sub-Synod of Armagh. This granted.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st *Interloqr.*

At an Interloqr consisting of the Gen' Synod & Pby of Antrim a letter from the trustees of the widows fund was read, wherein they give an acct that the present amount of that fund is £7361 18 5½, and express satisfaction in hearing that the Constituents had entered into measures for increasing the fund They likewise observe that their repeated endeavours to revive their Collections in Dublin had been opposed by some members of the Gen[l] Synod, minrs in that City. Resolved that Messrs Menagh & White answer the Trustees Letter, and Docr Colvil write to Mr Lang that it is the desire of the Constituents of ye fund he shou'd very particularly inform them at their next meeting in Dunganon, in which of the funds any & what sums of their money are Deposited or on what other securities—what Interest the particular sums bear, & how long any & what sums ly in his hands, after paying the annuitants, before he can find an opportunity of placing them out upon securities, approved by the trustees & that he give them ye like satisfaction every succeeding meeting of ye G : Synod.

The sev[l] Pbys were ordered to give an acct. if they had observed the appointment of last years Interloqr in making collections or by private applications, raising contributions for the widows fund, & it appeared that only a very few complyed with that appointment. It was then proposed that the Clerk of the Synod shou'd Instruct Mr Lang to take half a guinea & pay it into the fund from the R.D. of every member who had not collected or attempted to collect for the fund since last Gen[l] Synod. After some reasoning upon this proposal, the Roll was called, & it was rejected, by a considerable majority.

The following were the only collections for the widows fund brought to this Interloq^{r}.

By Messrs							
Robt. Henry	£0	14	4½	Wm Campbel	£7	17	1
Geo. Carson	1	14	1½	Wm Craford	1	13	10
Wm Sproot	0	7	7	Thos Craford	1	2	9
Jas. Jackson	0	14	4½	Jas. Armstrong	0	11	4½
Jas. Hamilton	2	1	8	Jno. Gibson	0	18	1½
Jas. Kinneer	0	3	3	Wm Bryson	7	6	0
Saml. Kennedy	0	11	4½	W^{m} M'Neally	4	16	5
Wm Willson	0	12	0				
				In all	£30	18	4

These collections were deposited with Mr Wm Miller, merch^{t}, in Lurgan, by him to be transmitted to Mr Lang, & his rec^{t} was taken for them.

Mr Edmonstone

A Bill upon Mr Fran^{s} Laird, merch^{t}, in Dublin, for £100 bequathed to the widows fund by And. Edmonstone, Esqr, late of Red hall, was produced to this Interloq^{r} by Mr Bankhead. Ordered that said bill be deposited also with Mr Miller by him to be forwarded to Mr Lang, the Clk of the Synod, to take his rect. for it, & Mr Miller to order his correspondent in Dublin to take Mr Lang's rect. for the same.

Ordered that Messrs Kennedy & Mackay write a letter of Thanks to Mrs Edmonstone for her readiness & punctuality in paying the above bequest, which is to be signed by the Moderator.

2^{d} *Interloq^{r}.*

Mr Knox

It was moved by some Members of this Interloq^{r} that Mr Knox shou'd have his entire share of the R.D. for the time he had a Congregation & before a regulation, formed in June 1766, by which he & others not having Congregations, were to have no part of it. To this motion it was objected, that the greater part of Mr Knox's R.D. must be paid into the Widows fund, conformable to a resolution of the constituents, that all subscribers to the fund are to pay their, ord^{ry} R.D. for the first year after ordination. After some reasoning the question was put. Consider Mr Knox a subscriber to the fund, or not. The Roll was called & it carried not. The Clerk of the Synod to inform Mr Lang, that he is to pay Mr Knox the R.D. due him before the 28th June 1766 without any deduction for the Widows fund.

Fund

Ordered that the sev^{l} Pbys make the scheme & circumstances of the Widows fund an object of their serious attention & and if they make any improvements, Relative to it, they are to be subjected to the consideration of the constituents, at next Genl Synod.

It was observed to this Interloq^{r} that Messrs Beard & Killburn of Dublin, had expressed to a member of this Synod, their willingness to have collections made in their congregations for strengthening the Widows fund. Resolved that Mr Campbel, write to these Gentlemen

that it is the earnest desire of this Interloq^{r} that collections for the fund be made in their congregations, previous notice being given in as publick a manner, as they shall judge proper.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Synod inform Mr Lang, it is the mind of this Interloq^{r} that one shilling be taken from ye R.D. of every member of the Genl Synod, for this year & paid to Mr Sproot of Monaghan Pby, and if any of the absents, refuse to comply with y^{s} resolution and write Mr Lang to that purpose, no Deduction for Mr Sproot, is to be made from their R.D.

Inserted ye 24th Augt 1768 by

WILL. RODGERS, G:S:C.

A Genl Synod at Dunganon, June 27th, 1769.

Mr Camron Mod^r^ of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Mat: 28. 19 then constituted it by prayer, after which were present from the sev^l^ Pbys as followeth—

Minrs.	Elders.
Dublin Pby.	
Jas. Caldwell	
Jno. Baird	Mr. Welsh
Monaghan Pby.	
Geo. Carson	Mr. Robt. Elliott
Hu. Mulligan	
Thos. Boyl	
Wm. Fleming	
Jas. Jackson	Mr. Fr. M'Celland
Wm. Moorhead	
Jas. Hamilton	
Saml. Kennedy	
Wm. Smith	
Wm. Sproot	
Jno. Warnock	
Jas. Kineer	
Thos. Stewart	
Wm. Moor	
Jas. Harris	
Tyrone Pby.	
Jno. Gibson	
Chas. Caldwell	Mr. Hen. George
Adam Duffin	Wm. M'Illroy
Jno. Ker	Jno. Davison
James Todd	
Jno. White	
Wm. M'Neally	Mr. Whiteside
Wm. Kennedy	Andw. Willson
Jno. M'Clelland	Mr. Campbell
Jas. Whiteside	
Wm. Willson	Mr. Cleveland
Geo. Murray	
Letterkenny Pby.	
Wm. Willson	
Jno. Marshell	Mr. Ball
Jas. Gordon	
Ben. Holms	Mr. Johnston
Wm. Callender	
Andw. Alexander	Mr. Patten
Hu. Delap	Mr. Harvy
Wm. Burk	
Jas. Taylor	

Minrs.	Elders.
Derry Pby.	
Andw. Ferguson	
Jos. Reagh	
Robt. Huey	
Saml. Patten	
Arthur Kyle	Mr. Robt. Caldwell
Bangor Pby.	
Jos. Mitchell	
Jas. Hull	
Jas. Bryson	Mr. Macoghtry
Hu. Smith	
Killyleagh Pby.	
Alexr. Macomb	
Michl. Henry	Jno. Farson
Robt. Smith	
Jos. Litle	
Armagh Pby.	
Jno. Menagh	Mr. Jno. Shaa
Jas. Moodie	
Geo. Ferguson	
Hen. Jackson	
Wm. Campbel	
Saml. Livingston	Robt. M'Neally
Robt. Dickson	
Dromore Pby.	
Alexr. Neilson	Jno. Macrakan
Wm. Henry	Mr. Jas. Wallace
Isaac Patrick	
Geo. Richey	
Jas. Birch	Mr. Jas. King
Jno. Thompson	Allen M'Rea
Templepatrick Pby.	
Wm. Rodgers	
Jno. Wright	
Thos. Read	

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Ballymena Pby.		Rout Pby.	
Jno. Rankin		David Smylie	Jno. Nealson
Chas. Brown	Mr. Alexr. Brown	Robt. Ewings	
James Cuming		Jno. Simson	
		Jno. Camron	
Strabane Pby.		Robt. Elder	
		Jacob Davis	Jno. Hull
Jos. Osborn	Mr. Hu. M'Clelland	Wm. Knox	Jas. Holms
Hu. Young	Mr. Davis		
Jos. Scott			
Robt. Neilson			
Wm. Craford	Mr. Merceer		
Jos. Coulter			

Mr Camron moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, the following brethren were named as a leet Messrs Carson, Ker, Gordon, Patten, Michl Henry, Hen. Jackson, Wm. Henry, Wright, Rankin, Smylie, Osborn, & Hull. The Roll was called & Mr Hull chosen; Mr Rodgers continued Clerk. Modr chosen Clk

Ordered that the sevl Pbys meet this evening & prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to morrow morning of their members for the sevl Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, & Genl Synods Fixed Committee, as also an acct of such Ministers as have died, been Ordained, Installed Licensed, or entered on trials since last Genl Synod, as also an acct of the widows upon the fund, & if any have died since last Synod, an acct of the time of their death—and likewise of the women now living, that have been ministers wives, and are not upon the fund. Pbys to meet

Ordered that each Pby appoint one or more of their members to attend to morrow morning for prayer, & that the names of the persons appointed be returned to the Modr this evening or earlie to morrow morning, prayer to continue from nine o'clock until eleven, when open Synod shall begin, This Session concluded with prayer. Prayer

2d Session Wednesday at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c. 2d Session

The appointment for prayer was observed.

The Pby gave in lists of their members for the sevl Committees, as also the following accts namely :—

The Pby of Rout, have licensed Mr Robt Caldwell & entered Mr Jno. Abernethy, on Second trials. They report that Mr Robt Smylie, died 31st Augt 1768. He was a subscriber to the Widows fund, & left a widow only. Licensed Dead

Bangor Pby have licensed Mr Jas Stoup, Wm Stitt, Wm Miller & Robt Porter. They all subscribed the confession of faith. They report Mr Moorhead died the 20th of June, Instt. He was a subscriber to the widows fund & left a widow & family. Dead

Trials

Letterkenny Pby, have entered on trials Messrs Nathl Patton & Samuel Hamilton, they report, there are upon the fund in their Bounds

Widows

Messrs Delap & Hamilton's families, Mrs Worling & Mrs Turretine.

Derry Pby, have ordained Mr David Walker, at Malin 8ber. 10th 1768. He subscribed the Widows fund. They licensed Messrs Christy, Caldwell, Scott, & Brizell.

Ord^{d}

Killyleagh Pby, have ordained Mr Litle at Killyleagh November 18th 1768. He subscribed the Widows fund,

Licensed

Dromore Pby, have licensed Messrs Wm Martin & Jno. Lyndsay, they subscribed the Westminister Confession of faith. They have entered Messrs McAulay and Kennedy, on 2^{d} trials. The Widows upon the fund in their bounds are—Mrs White, Mrs Semple, M^{rs}

Widows

Thompson, Mrs Gordon, Mrs King, Mrs Sims, Mr Allen's Daughter—Mrs Lang not on the fund. They report Mr Sims, died, the 14th 8ber. 1768

Dead

He was a subscriber to the Widows fund, & left a widow and family.

Ord^{d}

Monaghan Pby, have ordained Mr Harris at Lisluny, 2^{d} Augt 1768. He subscribed the Widows fund. They report Mr Plunket, was removed from Inniskilling to Strand Street Dublin, In Jan^{ry} 1769. Upon the funds in their bounds are M^{rs} McKee & Mrs Clark.

Licensed

Strabane Pby, have licensed Mr Jno Davis & entered on trials Messrs *Wesh & Letimor. In their bounds on the fund, Mrs Armstrong,

Widows

—not on the fund Mrs Hemphill.

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee the same as in ye year past.

Fund

The consideration of the arrear of the fund, due Mr Menagh defered until next session.

Mr Todd

The sev^{l} Pbys were enjoined to pay their contributions to the Committee of y^{t} fund, at their first meeting.

Ordered that the Pby of Tyrone give an acc^{t} of their success in raising the arrear of the fund due Mr Todd. This affair refered to the Committee of the fund, who are enjoined to take it under their consideration, & report to the Synod what is done at next Sed^{t}.

The Sev^{l} Committees are ordered to meet immediately. Interloq^{r} at four, open Synod at Six, this session concluded with prayer.

3^{d}. Session

3^{d} Session Wednesday at Six o'clock afternoon after prayer, &c.

Fund

Inquiry was made if the Sev^{l} Pbys had paid their collections for the fund to the Committee of that fund—and it appeared that a few only have paid—ordered that the Committee of the fund meet at the

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vestry, tomorrow morning at ten o'clock, and such as have collections are ordered to pay them to the Clerk of the fund at that time. Next Synod

It was proposed that the Time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now—Derry, Lurgan, & Dungannon, were named as a leet; many objected to Derry's being upon that Leet, some insisted it shou'd—the Roll was called, & it carried by a great majority it shou'd not. The question then put was, meet at Dungannon or Lurgan? The Roll called & it carried, meet at Dungannon the last Tuesday in June, 1770. Sermon to begin at five o'clock afternoon. Mr Rodgers

The Revd Jas Rodgers a member of the Southern Association being present was asked to sit & vote as a member of this Synod, & he consented to do it. Jno. Davison

A Supplication from Jno. Davison of Broughshane was presented to ye Synod, by his son, wherein he sets forth, that a Libel was exhibited against him by Jas Jno. Miller & others to the session of Broughshane & by that session refered to the Revd Pby of Ballymena which they the Pby of Ballymena took under their consideration but did not publish their opinion or Judgment as to the truth or falsehood of the crimes alledged against him—by which he thinks his character much injured & prays for relief from this Synod. The above Supplication being considered, the Synod resolved that a Committee of the following brethren, Messrs Lewson, Wright, Read, Montgomery, Cowan, & Rodgers, from the Pby of Templepatrick, & Messrs Neilson, Ewings, Douglass, & Camron, from the Pby of Rout, shall meet at Broughshane the 1st Tuesday in Augt next, five to be a quorum, who are to consider & give Judgment of the Libel exhibited against this supplicant Jno. Davison. The Pby of Ballymena are enjoined to appoint some of their members to attend said Committee, lay before them the Libel, with their minutes upon it, and give what light in the affair they can—this resolution to be published in the meeting-house of Broughshane & a copy of it sent to the Libellers.

Adjourned until to morrow morning at Eleven o'clock, Interloqr at nine; this session concluded with prayer.

4th Session Thursday at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer &c.

The Committee of the Synod's fund gave an acct of the collections paid to ye Clerk of that fund, by which it appeared that Mr Gordon had recd £1 : 6 : 0 of that fund from the congn of Ballykelly, sevl members gave it as their opinion, that he had no title (according to the Regulations of the fund) to any share of it; Mr Gordon undertook to prove it by the minutes of Letterkenny Pby—that he had a title to it, upon inquiry it appeared the Pby of Letterkenny had appointed a collection to be made in their respective congregations & given to Mr Gordon for a compensation for a large arrear due him by his congregation, but that their doing so, gave him no title to a share in the Synods fund—therefore the sum given him from Ballykelly congregation ought to be refunded. Fund Mr Gordon

Fund

This Synod very much concerned that the Intrest of their fund is not properly attended to, recommend it most affectionately to their respective members to be careful in making collections & in conforming to the regulations of that charitable fund.

Tullylish

Mr Richey in the name of the congregation of Tullylish requested that Mr Abernethy be appointed by this Synod, to supply that congātion the four last Lords days in July next. This granted.

Mr Menagh

Mr Menagh gave an acct of what money he recd as a compensation for upwards of £300 arrear of the fund due to him wc is as followeth

In 1766 from				In 1767			
Mr Macomb, Newry Banbridge, & Clare	£8	10	0	Mr Birch, for Donaghmore ..	£0	11	4½
Mr Huey, Newtown	1	8	2	Mr Crawford, Strabane	1	2	9
Mr Alexander, C-reagh	0	14	10½	Do. for Derg 5 5 & Mr Thos Craford for Camelin 11s 11d.	0	17	4
Mr Sims, Tullylish	0	11	4½				
Mr Armstrong, Portaferry	0	11	4½				
Mr Hood, Derry	3	8	3	Mr White, Stewartstown	0	13	1½
Do. for Bert	0	15	3	Mr Caldwell, Monymore	0	14	1½
Mr Kinkead, Killenshy	0	5	3	Mr Birch, Drumaragh	0	5	5
Mr Warnick, Donaghadee	1	4	0	Mr Knox, for Colerain	1	2	9
Mr White for Ballyrony 6s, Cregan 5s, Glenturbret 4 4	0	15	4	for Dumbo	0	11	4½
				for Makasky	0	2	8½
				Mr Smylie, Maghera	0	15	5
				None recd in 1768 or 69			
				In all	£28	9	11

Mr Menagh expressed his gratitude to his friends for their trouble in collecting the above sum, & desired the recommendation might no longer be continued in the Synod's minutes.

Adjourned untill six o'clock, Interloqr at 4, ys sessn concluded with prayer.

5th Sessn.

5th Session Thursday at six o'olock, afternoon, after prayer &c.

Mr Baird

A supplication from part of the congregation of Caplestreet was presented to this Synod by Messrs Moore & Harrison, wherein they represent the Revd Jno. Baird as having acted, in a variety of instances, a part very unbecoming the character of a Gospel Minr both before & during the time of a trial to which he subjected his character & conduct, before the Revd Pby of of Dublin & pray yt the libel wc was sustained by that Pby & Mr Baird be considered & finally determined by this Synod, as Mr Baird has refused subjection to ye judgment & authority of the Pby of Dublin, tho' he once allowed the merits of said libel to be Judged & Determined by them

Libel

The Libel was also produced which contained the following articles. That Mr Baird sat by & knowingly suffered Margt Christian to prevaricate widely from the truth, in order to support allegations against sevl persons in the City of Dublin whom Mr Baird charged with aspersing his character—That to some questions proposed to him by the

Pby of Dublin he gave evasive answers, & to one in particular his answer was a direct falsehood.

Pby of Dublin

Mr Caldwell in the name of the Pby of Dublin produced to this Synod in writing a representation of Mr Bairds conduct towards that Pby, who, tho' he consented to attend upon them, when they shou'd meet to consider a Libel & give Judgment upon it, which had been exhibited against him & tho' he had due & timely notice of the day appointed by the Pby, for their determining the merits of said Libel, yet refused to attend, & when suspended from his ministerial office, by the Pby, for his obstinacy & disobedience, continued contumaciously in the exercise of it, in contempt of their Judgmnt & authority. They therefore request that this Synod wou'd interpose their authority in vindication & support of the Judgment they passed against Mr Baird.

Mr Baird

Mr Baird appeared & was heard at a considerable length, who charged the Pby of Dublin with partiality & great severity in their determination against him, & disrespectful treatment of the members of his Session, who adhere to him, and that if he had submitted to the Judgment & censure of the Pby of Dublin, he said, he would have been cast off by the Congn of Caplestreet.

Mr Caldwell

Mr Caldwell was also heard, who in order to vindicate the Pby of Dublin from the imputation of partiality & severity against Mr Baird, requested yt the ministers of that Pby relating to the trial wherein Mr Baird was the complainant shou'd be read, which he imagined would sufficiently invalidate the force of these aspersions.

Mr Howison

Mr Howison was likewise heard who said many things in favour of the Pby of Dublin, & very circumstantially asserted, that the Intrest of protestant dissenters considerably affected in the City of Dublin by allegations against Mr Baird, induced him and others in Caplestreet Congregation to take such measures as they had pursued, to have Mr Baird's character represented in a proper light.

Messrs Ewings

Messrs Ewings, Gilbert, & others of Caplestreet Congregation, who adhere to Mr Baird's ministry, also appeared, spoke a considerable time in favour of him, and alledged that, of the persons subscribing the Libel, several shou'd not appear against Mr Baird, as minister of Caplestreet Congn as they had not been members of that Congn for many years.

Mr Baird

The Articles in support of the allegations in the Libel, were also read wc represent Mr Baird as sitting by & knowingly suffering Margt Christian to bear false witness, before the Pby of Dublin and giving evasive answers and falsifying before said Pby, when they sat in judgment upon allegations exhibted against some persons in the City of Dublin, by Mr Baird for aspersing his character.

Mr Baird was again heard, who offered many things in vinidication of his own character:—and in answer to his siting by and suffering Margt Christian to bear false witness, before the Pby of Dublin, he asserted that he enjoined her Margt Christian to consider she was upon her oath, & to tell all the truth without criminating herself. This Mr Caldwell admitted—and as to his giving evasive answers to the Pby of

Dublin he allowed, that to be true—because the questions proposed to him, were calculated, to criminate another person & improper for any court to ask. And if he had apprehended any such questions wou'd have been asked him, he wou'd have come with a mind firmly resolved to give evasive answers—and for the same reason. And as to the charge of falsifying, that must have been a misapprehension, which he pleaded in excuse for himself, without alledging that the Pby of Dublin either did mistake or have misrepresented the question then put. Did you see Marg^{t} Christian during the time we had no acc^{t} of her? Misapprehension in him he says it must have been for to one of ye Gentlemen present in this assembly, he had declared in friendship, four weeks before the trial, that he had seen her a few times during the space of the first nine weeks of the six months the Pby had no acc^{t} of her which declaration he afterwards confirmed to ten or eleven of his own Elders, and three or four days after he gave the answer complained of took three gentlemen to the place where he had seen her, to receive evidence & bear testimony to the truth of what he had so declared. Therefore as he was assured in his own mind, that he meant not to falsify in a circumstance so immaterial, he hopes the very Revd Synod from the foregoing relation which happily he can certifie, will favourably admit, this seeming falsification, may readily stand in the minutes of the Pby of Dublin, with giving a s sufficient ground for the falsification alledged against him.

The parties being fully heard were removed & the articles in support of the Libel with the answers given to them by Mr Baird were carefully read over & are *in retentis.* The Synod then proceeded to consider & determine the first Article, and after reasoning upon it for a considerable time, the question was put. Doth this Article charge Mr Baird with anything blame worthy or uot? The Roll was called, & it carried, that it implied blame—next question put was, is the first Article proved or not? The Roll called, & it carried, proved, the consideration of the other Article defered until next Sederunt.

Adjourned until eight o'clock to morrow morning. Concluded, &c.

6th Sess^{n}. *6th Session. Friday, forenoon, after prayer, &c.*

The Synod proceeded according to a former Resolution to the 2^{d} Article in the Libel, and after reasoning upon the 1st part of it, were unanimously of opinion, that he gave evasive answers, and this, he, Mr Baird admitted in his defence—the 2^{d} part of this article—that he knew nothing of Marg^{t} Christian for the six months the Pby had no acc^{t}. of her—for that assertion this Synod Judges him chargeable with falsehood—the Synod proceeded to consider, whether Mr Baird upon the articles proved or admitted, be censurable or not? The Roll was called, & it carried unanimously (two only excepted) that he is censurable. The question was then put, Rebuke or Suspend? The Roll called, & it carried Suspend—the question then was how long, for a limitted or an unlimitted time, the Roll called & it carried for a limitted; it was then proposed for how long & it was agreed, the state of the vote shou'd be for four or two weeks, from this day, the Roll called, & it carried for two weeks.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Synod make out a copy of this minute, give it to the Gentlemen Commissioners from Dublin, with instructions to said Gentlemen, that it be read in Caplestreet meeting house, immediately after divine service in the forenoon ye 2d Lord's day in July next.

Pby of Dublin

The Complaint exhibited against Mr Baird by the Pby of Dublin, of contumacy & contempt of their authority was again read. The Commrs from Dublin on both sides were again called, and hear'd, but as they had no new matter to add, were removed, and the Synod proceeded to consider the conduct of the Pby of Dublin towards Mr Baird & the complaint of that Pby against him. And after sevl members had spoke upon that affair, the question first put was, approve the conduct of Dublin Pby in suspending Mr Baird or not? the Roll called & it carried approve. Resolved that Mr Baird and the Gentlemen from Dublin be called, these resolutions read to them, Mr Baird admonished, & suspended from the exercise of his ministerial office by the Modr conformable to the resolutions of this Synod.

Mr Baird suspended

Mr Baird & the Gentlemen from Dublin being called in these resolutions were read to them, Mr Baird admonished and suspended for two weeks from this hour & Mr Baird submitted to the admonition & suspension.

Adjourned until six o'clock afternoon. This Sessn concluded wt prayer.

7th Session friday at six o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c.

Caple street

Upon reviewing the minutes of last Sedt relative to Caplestreet it was proposed & agreed to, that the Pby of Dublin shall be enjoined and accordingly are hereby enjoined to take the congn of Caplestreet under their care, the two succeeding Lords days & instruct the member of that Pby that preaches to them Sabbth come sennight to read this copy of the Synod's minute.

Armoy

From Armoy appeared Commrs Jno. Neal, & Hu. Fulton, who prosecuted a Supplication to this Synod, seting forth that a considerable number of Protestant dissenters, formerly members of Kulkeeny congn, & the commrs added that some from Killraghts & Carncullogh congregns labour under great difficulties, by living far distant from the meeting houses of these congregations where they formerly worshipped, & pray that they may be erected into a congn by ye name of Armoy, with the concurrence of the Revd Pby of Rout.

Mr Ewings a member of that Pby was ordered to inform this Synod if the erection at Armoy, wou'd be hurtful to the neighbouring congregations, he declared it wou'd not affect the Intrest of any congn. The Commrs from Armoy were asked, if they cou'd make up fourty pounds annual Stipend for the support of a minister amongst them. They affirmed they were able and willing to pay that sum & more

After some reasoning upon the above supplication, it was proposed & agreed to that the Pby of Rout w^{t} Correspondents shall take this affair under their consideration & erect, or not erect, the people of Armoy inso a cong^{n} as they shall see cause. The Correspondents to meet with the Pby of Rout, are from Ballymena Pby Messrs McMullan, Cuming, Douglass, & Chas Brown, from Derry Pby Mr Kyle, from Strabane, Mr Osborn, these members & the Pby of Rout are to meet at Ballywoolin, the 3^{d} tuesday in Augt next, five to be a quorum.

Gordon

A motion was made that Mr Gordon be ordered to refund £1 6, fund money he rec^{d} from Ballykelly cong^{n}. Some objected to this, the Roll was called & it carried by a great majority, he shou'd refund said money, & that it be given to Mr Willson of Moywater.

The Mod^{r} concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st *Interloq^{r}.*

Widows fund £7869 14 0½

At an Interloq^{r} consisting of the Genl Synod & Mr Niven from the Pby of Antrim, a letter from the Trustees of the Widows fund was read, wherein they give an acc^{t} that the present amount of that fund is £7869 : 14 : 0½ & refer the constituents to former letters, as to their opinion of the properest & most effectual, methods of strengthening & forwarding ye Intrest of ye fund. Messrs Rankin & Smith appointed to answer ye Trustees letter.

Mr Lang's letter

Securities of ye fund

A letter from Mr Lang in answer to Mr Colvills of ye 29th June 1768 was also read, wherein he gives an acc^{t} of the securities in which the widows fund is vested & are as followeth, £750 in Dunleir Turnpike Debrs, at 5 ℘ ct , there are £1400 in Irish Goverment Deb^{rs} at 5 ℘ ct:, and the remsinder in English and in Bank annuities, Consolidated, both w^{c} bear Intrest at 4 ℘ ct., no part of the Debt near £300 due by Lenox & French yet rec^{d} by the Trustees.

Ordered that Mr Rodgers write Mr Lang that it is expected he will inform the constituents if any alterations happen in the securities of the fund.

2^{d} *Interloq^{r}.*

Messrs Rainkin & Smyth brought in the Draught of a letter to the Trustees of the fund w^{c} was read, & approved, & signed by the Mod^{r}.

Widows fund

A motion was made, that the consideration of the Widows fund be posponed until the next meeting of the Genl Synod, that the sev^{l} Pbys shou'd make that fund an object of their serious attention ; & if alterations or amendments be suggested to any, before they be proposed, they shou'd be reduced to writing & laid before the Constituents, & finally determined at next Genl Synod. This motion was considered & approved.

A Supplication from Messrs Reagh & Huey, members of the Pby of Derry, was presented to this Interloq^r, wherein they represent their circumstances to be so necessitious, that they cannot live any way decently or comfortably in this Kingdom, therefore they must transport themselves and their families to some of the American Colonies—And pray that their subscriptions to the widows fund may be refunded to them. After some reasoning upon the above Supplication, it was agreed that a former resolution prohibiting any subscriber to withdraw his subscription from the fund upon any acc^t whatsoever, shou'd be conformed to. Therefore, Messrs Reagh & Huey cou'd not obtain their request, but in compassion to their circumstances a collection shall be made in all Cong^ns belonging to the Genl Synod & remitted to these gentlemen to be divided betwixt them as a Compensation for their subscriptions to the widows fund. In the mean time it was proposed & agreed to that the members present shou'd advance for their Cong^ns such a sum as they shall judge proper & if the collection when made by each min^r in his congregation who now advances money shall exceed the sum now given by him, the residue together with the collections of the ministers absent & of such as do not now pay, shall be deposited in the hands of some one member in each Pby by him to be transmitted to Messrs Harvy & Hood of Derry or to Mr And^w Ferguson of Bert, for the use of Messrs Reagh & Huey. And the sev^l members of the Genl Synod are enjoined to recommend it warmly to their cong^ns to be liberal in their contributions, the collections to be made in the month of July, or as soon after as possible. Messrs Reagh & Huey

The members present that p^d are as followeth :

Dublin Pby.			
Jas. Caldwell p^d	£1	2	9
Jno. Baird & M. Welsh	2	5	6
Monaghan Pby.			
Geo. Carson p^d	1	2	9
Hu. Mulligan p^d	0	11	4½
Thos. Boyl p^d	0	11	4½
Jas. Jackson p^d	0	11	4½
Jas. Hamilton p^d	0	11	4½
Wm Smith p^d	0	5	5
Jas. Kineer p^d	0	2	8½
Wm Moore p^d	0	11	4½
Tyrone Pby.			
Jno. Gibson p^d	0	11	4½
Jas. Caldwell pd	1	2	9
Adam Duffin p^d	0	11	4½
Jno. White p^d	1	2	9
Jas. Whiteside p^d	0	11	4½
Geo. Murray p^d	0	11	4½
Ballymena Pby.			
Jas. Cuming p^d	0	11	4½
Mr Marshel p^d	0	18	3
M^r M'Clelland p^d	1	2	9
Antrim Pby.			
Wm Niven p^d	£1	2	9
Rout Pby,			
Robt. Elder p^d	0	5	5
Derry Pby.			
Andw. Ferguson	1	2	9
Saml. Patten	0	11	4½
Arthur Kyle	0	11	4½
Bangor Pby.			
Jas. Hull p^d	1	2	9
Jas Bryson p^d	0	11	4½
Killyleagh Pby.			
Alexr. Macomb p^d	0	11	4½
Michl. Henry p^d	0	11	4½
Robt. Smith p^d	1	2	9
Jos. Litle p^d	1	2	9
Dromore Pby.			
Alexr. Neilson	0	11	4½
Geo. Richey	0	11	4½
Jas. Birch p^d	1	2	9
Strabane Pby.			
Jos. Osborn	0	11	4½
Hu. Young	0	11	4½
Wm Craford p^d	1	2	9
Jos. Coulter p^d	0	11	4½
In all	£28	19	9½

These contributions for Messrs Reagh & Huey were deposited with Mr Andw. Ferguson.

3^{d} *Interloq^{r}.*

Messrs Reagh & Huey

Upon a review of the Minute relating to Messrs Reagh & Huey it was moved & agreed to that in case they do not remove to America the money collected to enable them to transport themselves & families, be returned to the Mod^{r} of the Genl Synod, by him to be applyed to the Widows fund, if one of the above Gentlemen only remove himself & family, he is to have the half of the sum that may be collected & the other half to be disposed of as above: The Gentlemen to whom the collections are to be transmitted are enjoined to take notice of this resolution.

Mr Sproot

A motion was made that as the Localities w^{c} Mr Sproot has upon the fund are in great arrear a method shou'd be laid down which may prove more effectual for his support in time to come.

In the mean time it was agreed that for this year, twelve pence shou'd be given out of the R.D. belonging to every min^{r} in the Genl Synod to Mr Sproot. Mr Lang to be informed of this by our Clerk.

Inserted by

WILL: RODGERS: G:S:C:

Augt 31st, 1769.

A Genl Synod at Dunganon, June 26th, 1770

Mr Hull Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Rom. 14. 22, then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the sevl Presbyteries as followeth.

Minrs.	Elders.
Rout Pby.	
Jno. Simson	
Wm. Lynd	Jno. M'Mullan
Dublin Pby.	
Jas. Callwell	
Monaghan Pby.	
Geo. Carson	
Hu. Mulligan	
Thos. Boyl	John Simson
Wm. Moorhead	
Saml. Kennedy	
Wm. Smith	
Wm. Sproot	
Jno. Warnock	
Jas. Kineer	
Thos. Stewart	
Wm. Moor	Mr. Jas. Dayis
Geo. Harris	Geo. Vogan
Jas. Stoupe	
Tyrone Pby.	
Jno. Gibson	
Chas. Calwell	Wm. M'Ilwain
Adam Duffin	Thos. Anderson
Jno. Ker	
Jas. Todd	
Jno. White	David Sloan
Wm. Kennedy	Andw. Willson
Jno. M'Clelland	Jno. Campbell
Mos : Hogg	
Alexr. Johnston	
Wm. Willson	
Geo. Murray	Edwd. Patterson
Killyleagh Pby.	
Alexr. Macomb	
Mos. Nealson	
Armagh Pby.	
Wm. Campbell	Saml. Watt
Saml. Livingstone	Robt. M'Neally

Minrs.	Elders.
Strabane Pby.	
Hu. Young	
Robt. Nealson	
Wm. Craford	
Derry Pby.	
Andw. Ferguson	
Saml. Patten	
John Law	
Jas Knox	
Templepatrick Pby.	
Wm. Rodgers	
Jno. Wright	
Thos. Read	
Dromore Pby.	
Isaac Patrick	
Robt. M'Clure	Mr. Jno. Lyndsay
Saml. Barbar	
Geo. Richey	
Jas. Birch	
John Thompson	John Lewers
Saml. Morriel	Mr. Jas. Simms
Bangor Pby.	
Jos. Mitchell	
Jas. Hull	
Jas. Cochran	
Jas. Bryson	Mr. Alexr. Merceer
Hu. Smith	Mr. Wm. Blakely
Letterkenny Pby.	
Jno. Marshell	
Jas. Gordon	
Wm. Callender	
Andw. Alexander	
Hu. Delap	Mr. Thos. Porter
Jno. M'Means	
Jos. Lytle	
Ben. M'Dowell	
Jos. Love	
Ballymena Pby.	
Jas. Cuming	Mr. Jno. Cochran

Mod^r chosen

Mr Hull moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, ye following brethren were named as a leet, Messrs Simson, Carson, Duffin, Livingstone, Nealson, Patten, Wright, Patrick, Cochran, Alexander, Cuming, and Caldwell. The Roll was called and Mr Caldwell chosen—Mr Rodgers continued Clerk.

Clk

Pbys to meet

Ordered that the sev^l Pbys meet this evening & prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to morrow morning of their members for ye sev^l committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, fund, & Genl Synod's Fixed Committee, as also an acc^t of such ministers as have died, been Ordained, Installed, Licensed or entered on trials, since last G. Synod—also an account of the Widows upon the fund, if any have died since last Synod, the time to be mentioned, likewise of the women now living that have been ministers wives and are not upon the fund.

Prayer

Ordered that each Pby appoint one or more of their members to attend to morrow morning for prayer, and that the names of the persons appointed, be returned to the Mod^r this evening or earlie to morrow morning, prayer to continue from nine o'clock until eleven when open Synod shall begin.

This Session concluded with prayer.

2^d Sess^n

2^d Session Wednesday at eleven o'clock, after prayer, &c.

The time appointment for prayer was partly observed.

The Pbys gave in Lists of their members, for the sev^l Committees, as also the following accts. namely—

Ordained

Monaghan Pby have ordained Mr Stoupe, at Eniskillen, ye 29th November 1769. He subscribed the Widows fund. The Widows upon the fund in their bounds are: Mrs Bond, Mrs Algoe, M^rs McKee, & Mrs Clark.

Widows

Tyrone Pby have in their bounds, widows upon the fund, Mrs Orr, Mrs Kennecy, & Mrs Peebles. Not upon the fund Mrs Rea.

Dublin Pby report they have entered Mr Alexander Henry, upon trials. Mrs Macbeth, & Mrs Patten, on the fund with them.

Licensed

Letterkenny Pby have licensed Messrs Saml. Hamilton & Nathan. Patten, Upon trials Mr Alex^r Marshel, With them the widows upon the fund are Mrs Worling, Mrs Torretine, & Messrs Hamilton & Delap's families.

Widows

Ordained

Derry Pby report they have licensed Messrs Stephenson & Shaw, and ordained Mr Wm Stewart, June 18th, 1770, & Mr Knox 1st May, 1770, both subscribed the widows fund. In their bounds upon the fund are Mrs Murray, Mrs Cochran, Mrs Strawbridge, Mrs Lyle, Mrs Hair & Mrs Walker.

Widows

Bangor Pby have in their bounds Mrs Malcomb, Mrs Cochran, Mrs Buchanan, Mrs Warnock, & Mr Moorhead's family, not upon the fund Mrs Moor, Mrs Hastings, Mrs Montgomery.

Killyleagh Pby report that Mr Scott died in April, 1770 left a widow & family; upon the fund in their bounds are Mrs Read Mrs Fergie. Died

Armagh Pby have in their bounds widows upon the fund Mrs Maxwell, Mrs Cherry,, Mrs Johnston. Widows

Dromore Pby ordained Mr Morriel, 6th March, 1770, a subscriber to the fund. Widows on the fund in their bounds are Mrs Gordon, Mrs Thompson, Mrs King, Mrs White, Mrs Semple, Mrs Simms, Mr John Thompson's family & Mr Allen's daughter—Mrs Lang not on the fund. Ordained Widows

Templepatrick Pby have ordained Mr McAuly, December 14th, 1769, not a subscriber to the widows fund—they report Mr McConnell died, ye 8th June, 1770, left no family. Widows with them are Mrs Thompson, Mrs Dunbar. Not on the fund Mrs Frezier. Ordained Dead

Ballymena Pby have on the fund Mrs O'Bryan, Mrs Jas. White, Mrs Mrs McCurdy. Not on the fund Mrs McCreight. Widows

Strabane Pby report that Mr Smith died, 13th Feby, left no family. On the fund with them Mrs Armstrong, not on the fund are Mrs Hemphill & Mrs Donaldson. Dead

Rout Pby ordained Mr Abernethy, 15th Augt, 1769, & Mr Wm Lynd, 11th June, 1770, both subscribers to the fund. On the fund in their bounds Mrs Lynd, Mrs Gaston, Mrs Smylie, Mrs McBride, family of Mr Brown. Ordained

Antrim Pby have on the fund Mrs McCowen, Mrs McClaine, Mrs Gaudy, & Mrs Drenan.

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee the same as in the year past. Synods Comttee

The committee met at Broughshane as appointed, considered the Libel exhibited by Jno Jas Miller and others against Jno Davison a member of Broughshane Session, and judged him not guilty of the allegations in said Libel. Broughshane

Inquiry was made if Mr Gordon had returned the one pound, six shills. of fund money he recd from Ballykelly, & if said sum had been given to Mr Willson as ordered at last Genl Synod. Mr Gordon being called, after some reasoning upon the affair, paid the above sum to the Modr for the use of Mr Willson. Mr Gordon

The Pby of Rout with correspondents met at Ballywoollin in Augt last and erected the people of Armoy, by the name of the congregation of Armoy, & put themselves under the care of the Pby of Rout. Armoy

The sevl committees to meet immediately—adjourned until six o'clock afternoon, Interloqr at four—ys session, concluded with prayer.

3d Session at six o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c. 3d Session

An Appeal from a sentence of suspension passed upon Mr McNeally by the Pby of Tyrone, was read, together with the reasons of said Mr McNeally

appeal. Mr McNeally was called to prosecute his appeal, but did not appear. Resolved that a Committee of the following members wt their Elders Messrs Carson, Hamilton, Mulligan, Boyl, Smith, & Stoupe, from Monaghan Pby; Messrs Callender, Delap, & McMeans, from Letterkenny; Messrs Nealson, Scott, & Coulter, from Strabane Pby, & from Armagh, Messrs Campbell, Ferguson, & Livingstone, five to be a quorum, shall meet at Carntall meeting house, the 3d Tuesday in July next, consider the grounds of the suspension passed upon Mr McNeally by the Pby of Tyrone, and all other complaints exhibited against him. The Pby of Tyrone are to attend & give what Light in this affair they can. The Committee are to pass Judgment upon and finally issue the merits of a libel exhibited to the Pby of Tyrone against Mr McNeally. In the meantime as he Mr McNeally hath given in his demission to said Pby, they are to appoint one of their number to preach in Carntall meeting house next Lord's day, declare that congregation vacant, & serve Mr McNeally with a copy of this minute & notice to attend said committee and answer to the allegations in said Libel, and all others brought in against him and in case he does not attend the Committee, they are to declare him to be no longer a member of the General Synod; and if the Libellers do not prosecute their Libel is to be dismissed and they censured, as the Committee shall Judge proper, and of this resolution they are to receive information by the minister who preaches to them next Lord's day, who is to read a copy of this minute immediately after divine worship.

Carrickfergus

Mr Rodgers produced a supplication to this Synod, from the Congregation of Carrickfergus, wherein they intreat that Mr Blakely a probationer under the care of the Revd Pby of Killyleagh, may be appointed to supply them four Lord's days in July next, and in case he cannot be obtained, that Mr Lyndsay from the Pby of Dromore be appointed to supply them four Lord's days in said month of July, and also that this Synod wou'd be pleased to grant them a liberty to apply for such other suppliers, in the bounds of the Genl Synod as they may have occasion to write for until next Synod.

Resolved that as Mr Blakely is engaged three Lord's days in July next he shall supply Carrickfergus the two last of that month & the two first in Augt. The other part of their supplication granted.

Killead

A Supplication from Killead was presented to this Synod by Messrs Jno. Barbar & Wm Scott Commrs, wherein they requested that Mr Jno. Cochran from the Pby of Ballymena, might be appointed to supply them the four first days in July next, Mr Lyndsay from Dromore the month of Augt, Mr Speer from Ballymena the month of Sepr, and the Revd Mr Abernethy of Rout Pby the month of 8ber next, and that liberty be granted them to apply for such other suppliers in the bounds of this Synod as they may have occasion to write for until next Synod. The above supplication granted.

Mr Gordon

The Pby of Letterkenny represented in a supplication to this Synod, that at their meetings they can by no means enjoy peace or happiness or live together as Gentlemen & Christians while Mr Gordon continues a member and sits in the Pby with them, and therefore pray he may be disannexed from them.

Mr Gordon objected to this supplication, he alledged it was not the unanimous supplication of that Pby, that his congregation were not consulted in this affair, that the reasons offered for his being disannexed were too general, therefore the supplication ought not to be granted. The Pby asserted it was the unanimous supplication of the members that generally attended their meetings, that the congregation of Raphoe knew this matter, that the reasons offered were sufficient to influence Mr Gordon to withdraw from them as a Pby. The parties being heard at large were removed and after some reasoning it was moved by some, that the supplication shou'd be granted, by others that Mr Gordon shou'd be continued a nominal member only of Letterkenny Pby. It was agreed, the state of the vote shou'd be disannex Mr Gordon from the Pby of Letterkenny or not, the Roll called, and it carried by a great majority, to disannex. It was unanimously resolved that Mr Gordon be allowed liberty to join himself to any Pby in this Synod that will receive him. The parties were called, this resolution communicated to them, and Mr Gordon requested that his appeal from the sentence of the Pby of Letterkenny and Subsynod of Derry shou'd be considered by this Synod, to morrow; ys granted.

Adjourned until to morrow at ten o'clock forenoon, concluded wt prayer.

4th Session Thursday 10 o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c. 4th Sessn

The Synod agreed to enter upon the consideration of the state of their fund, enquiry was made if the sevl Pbys had given in their collections to the Clerk of that fund, and it appeared very few have been brought to the Synod this year; The Synod very much concerned at the indifference shown by many of its members to the Intrest of this Charitable Institution, Resolved that the Regulations, formerly adopted for the benefit of that fund, be read, that the sevl Pbys be enjoined, and accordingly are hereby enjoined to make collections in all their congregations, bring them to next G. Synod for the use of the fund, and let them be disposed of according to these regulations; Resolved farther that Mr Macomb be instructed, and accordingly is hereby instructed to reprint a letter, at the expense of the fund, formerly printed, recommending collections to be made in each congregation for the fund, and copies thereof sent to the sevl Pbys to be read by the ministers to their respective congregations upon the Lord's day immediately before the collections be made. Fund

A letter from Mr Willson of Moywater was read, wherein a very affecting representation is given of his necessitous and distressing circumstances—Resolved that the Pby of Letterkenny be enjoined to be punctual in collecting and remitting to Mr Willson the fund money allowed in each congregation within their bounds, as nothing else can be done for him at this time. Mr Willson

It was agreed that the time and place of next Synod's meeting be fixed.—Lurgan and Dunganon were proposed as a leet, the Roll called and it carried to meet at Dunganon the last Tuesday in June 1771. Sermon to begin at five o'clock afternoon. Next Synod

Mr Gordon

Mr Gordon requested that he might be allowed liberty by this Synod to call some of his neighbouring ministers to assist him in any affairs relating to his congregation. It was moved and agreed to that Mr Gordon or his congregation have liberty upon any emergency to apply to the neighbouring Pbys, who are to allow, if they judge the reasons offered sufficient, a number of their members to meet with him or his congregation, and act as they shall see cause, in regulating any matter laid before them.

Appeal

Messrs Gordon & McDowell give in their appeal, from the sentence of the Pby of Letterkenny and Subsynod of Derry, with their reasons of appeal, which were read and are *in retentis*. The answers to said reasons given by the Pby of Letterkenny were also read, and are likewise *in retentis*. The parties being heard at large were removed, and after some reasoning it was agreed to, that it is the mind of ye Synod that Elders are essential to and have a right to vote in our Judicatories, and in order to this, that they be approved to their office in the congregation to which they belong, and the Synod unanimously dismissed the appeal without a vote. The parties were called, this resolution read to them and they submitted.

Adjourned until 5 o'clock afternoon. This session concluded with prayer.

5th Session

5th Session Thursday at Five o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c.

Mr Todd

A supplication from Mr Todd was presented to this Synod, wherein he complains that the Pby of Tyrone had not conformed to the order of this Synod, in dividing the Localities of the fund between his congregation and Loghgall—this affair refered to the Committee of the fund, who are ordered to take it under their consideration. In the mean time the localities are to be continued to Loghgall until others be appointed to it by the Committee of the fund.

Overture for preaching

It was moved by the Committee of Overtures, that whereas the appointment for prayer hath not for some time past been duely observed, the member of the Synod upon the leet for Modr who is next in votes to the one chosen, shall be appointed to preach at nine o'clock in the forenoon of the second day of the Synod's meeting, if the same Person by this means shou'd be chosen twice to the office of preacher, then the person next below him in number of votes for the chair shall be appointed preacher, and that two or more members shall be called upon by the Moderator to preside in prayer, as he shall see cause. The above overture was considered and unanimously approved, and Mr Carson appointed to preach the second day of the ensuing Synod, as next to the Moderator in votes.

Regulations for licensing Candidates

The Committee of Overtures proposed the following regulations for the Licensing of Candidates for the ministry, as an overture to ye consideration of this Synod :—

1st. That every candidate for the ministry, before he is admitted to trials, shall be obliged to produce to the Pby a certificate of his having attended the University at least two seasons, and particularly

the classes for natural and moral Philosophy, and that if he has attended only two seasons, he shall not be admitted in less than six years from the time of his first entering the University.

2nd. That a candidate who attends the University only three seasons, shall not be admitted in less than five years from the time of his first entering college.

3rd. That a candidate who produces certificates of his having attended regularly for four years, shall be admitted without farther delay.

4th. That the principal examination of candidates in the different Branches of Science shall precede their being admitted to trials, and that every candidate shall be examined in the Languages, Logick, Metaphisicks, Natural and Moral Philosophy, Church History, and Theology.

5th. That this course of examination shall be gone thro' at three different meetings of the Pby at least—at the first the Languages and Moral Philosophy, at the second Logick, Metaphysicks, and Natural Philosophy, and at the 3rd Church History and Theology—but to encourage young men to spend as much time as possible at the University, such as have attended regularly for four years shall have their Examination dispatched at one meeting, and that at some meeting of the Pby previous to the holding of said examination particular members shall be appointed as Examiners in each of these branches of science.

6th. That when any candidate is licensed a certificate from the Pby of his having spent the time above specified, and gone thro' the several examinations in the manner required, and given the ordinary number of Discourses shall be transmitted to the Synod's Clerk, and if a certificate of this kind be not transmitted to the next Genl Synod, such licentiates shall not be entered into our records as belonging to our body.

7th. That every candidate shall be obliged to produce from one or more of ye Professors of the College he attends, a certificate of the time he hath spent each season at the University, and that nothing less than five months shall be deemed as sufficient time for a season's attendance.

The above regulations were considered & unanimously approved, the Clerk ordered to enter them into the Synod's records to be transmitted to the several Presbyteries, and each Minister is enjoined to read them to his Congregation upon a Lord's day before next meeting of the General Synod.

It was also proposed and agreed to, that Mr Campbel shou'd be appointed and accordingly is hereby appointed to write to the universities of Glasgow and Edenbrough to beg that the Professors will be particular in the Certificates they give to Irish protestant dissenting students to signifie the time of their stay in the college each session, and give the best accounts they can of their moral characters. Mr Campbel

It was overtured to the Synod, that no new erection shall be made in any congregation belonging to our body, who shall not give such New Erection

security as the Pby shall approve for fifty pounds a year to whatever probationer or minister the shall call. This overture was considered and unanimously approved by this Synod.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st. *Interloqr.*

Fund £8,345 14 3½

At an Interloqr consisting of the Genl Synod and Presbytery of Antrim, a letter from the Trustees of the widows fund was read wherein they give an account that the present amount of the fund is £8345 14 3½ and express a hearty Inclination to cooperate with the constituents, in promoting the success and establishment of the fund. They mention their not having recd an answer to theirs of ye 19th June, 1769. The Clerk of the Synod informed the Interloqr he had sent the answer to said letter (a copy of which was now read), under cover to Mr Lang. Resolved that Messrs Campbel & Read answer the Trustees Letter, and that the answer to theirs of the 19th June, 1769, shall accompany it, that the Trustees may be satisfied, the constituents are not insensible of their obligations to these Gentlemen for their attention to the Interest and advancement of the fund.

It was observed that the Interest of the fund paid since last Synod falls some few pounds short of what the capital produces if regularly paid. The Clerk of ye Synod to ask Mr Lang how that comes to pass.

Mr McNeally

The Clerk is likewise to enjoin Mr Lang to stop payment of R.D. in his hands belonging to Mr M'Neally, until he receive farther orders from the Genl Synod.

Fund

Inquiry was made at the several Presbyteries, if any alteration or amendment relative to the fund was prepared, and reduced to writing to be offered to the consideration and disposal of this Interloqr. It appeared there was none. Moved that a committee be appointed to consider ways and means that may best serve the interest of the fund, this motion approved and the members are, Messrs Simson, Caldwell, Macomb, Campbel, Craford, Ferguson, Read, Richey, Bryson, Marshell, Cuming, & Niven, they are to meet in this meeting house to morrow at eight o'clock.

2d *Interloqr.*

Counsel's opinion

The Committee appointed to think ways & means to serve the interest of the fund met this morning, and it is their opinion the Trustees treasurer and Mr Caldwell do, some time before the meeting of next Genl Synod, lay the case of our fund before a Lawyer of Eminence and take his opinion whether any method can be devised for laying out the Capital of our fund, with safety in purchasing lands to be transmitted to the Constituents at next meeting of the General Synod. The Counsel's fee to be paid by the Treasurer who is to receive information of this by our Clerk.

Messrs Huey & Reagh

Inquiry was made at the sevl Pbys if the collections for Messrs Reagh and Huey had been made according to appointment, and if they

had removed themselves & families to America. It appeared the collections have not been universal in the several Presbyteries belonging to the Gen[l] Synod, and that M[r] Reagh and his family only have removed. It was proposed and unanimously agreed to, that if M[r] Huey be not removed from this Kingdom, and the collections universally made before next meeting of the Gen[l] Synod, the money already collected or that may be collected for the above purpose, before that time, shall be brought to the Gen[l] Synod, & returned to the ministers who collected said money, and in case the collections be universal in the Gen[l] Synod & Presbytery of Antrim, the half that shou'd be given to M[r] Huey if he shou'd go abroad shall be vested in the Widows fund.

3[d] *Interloq[r]*.

M[r] Hull was requested to have the sermon printed which he preached at the opening of this Synod. M[r] Hull

A Memorial was presented to this Interloq[r] by M[r] Sproot seting forth the distressed situation, to which he is reduced by the death and removal of some of his best friends, whereby his annual stipend scarcely amounts to six pounds. Resolved that one shilling from the R D. of each minister belonging to the Gen[l] Synod, be continued to him as in the years past. M[r] Sproot

Inserted by

WILL: RODGERS, G.S. Clerk.

A Genl. Synod at Dunganon, June 25th, 1771.

Mr Caldwell Modr of the former Synod opened this by preaching from 1st Pet. 3: 15 then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the sevl Pbys as followeth.

Minrs.	Elders.
Ballymena Pby.	
Jno. Rankin	
Jas. Cuming	
Jno. Lyndsay	Jas. Young
Dublin Pby.	
Jas. Caldwell	
Monaghan Pby.	
Geo. Carson	
Hu. Mulligan	
Thos. Boyl	
Jas. Jackson	
Jas. Hamilton	
Saml. Kennedy	
Wm. Smith	
Wm. Sprate	
Jno. Warnock	
Jas. Kinneer	
Wm. Moor	
Geo. Harris	Adam Armstrong
Jas. Stoup	Leturnel Hudson
Tyrone Pby.	
Jno. Gibson	
Chas. Caldwell	Wm. M'Illvine
Jas. Todd	
Jno. White	Jas. Sloan
Wm. Kennedy	Andw. Willson
Jno. M'Clelland	
Mos. Hogg	Jno. Lewson
Wm. Willson	
Geo. Murray	
Killyleagh Pby.	
Alexr. Macomb	
Jas. Armstrong	
Jno. Strong	
Jos. Litle	

Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh Pby.	
Hen. Jackson	
Saml. Livingstone	
Robt. Dickson	
Strabane Pby.	
Jos. Coulter	
Wm. Craford	
Derry Pby.	
Andw. Ferguson	
John Hood	
Templepatrick Pby.	
Wm. Rodgers	
Thos. Read	
Jno. Bankhead	Roger Kerily
Jas. M'Auly	
Dromore Pby.	
Alexr. Nealson	
Jas. Birch	Jas. Laury
Saml. Morriel	Chas. Orr
Bangor Pby.	
Jas. Hull	
Jas. Bryson	
Letterkenny Pby.	
Jas. Marshell	
Wm. Callender	
Andw. Alexander	Saml. Patten
Hu. Delap	
Wm. Burk	
Jos. Lytle	
Ben. M'Dowell	Jno. Torret
Rout Pby.	
Jno. Simson	
Wm. Knox	
Hu. M'Clelland	
Jas. Gordon	

Mr Caldwell moved that another be chosen to moderate in ye Synod. The following Brethren were named as a leet:—Messrs Rankin, Carson, Todd, Strong, Jackson, Read, Nealson, Bryson, Coulter, Simson, and Alexander. The Roll called and Mr Alexander chosen. Mr Rodgers continued Clerk. Modr chosen Clerk

A letter from the Revd. Pby of Munster was read, wherein they express a hearty inclination, that on the foundation of a future and unanimous concord, a correspondence may now commence and be continued with the Genl Synod of Ulster, and for that purpose they have appointed the Revd. Mr David Hutcheson one of their members, to attend upon this meeting of the Genl Synod as their Correspondent. Pby of Munster

The above letter was considered, and it was unanimously agreed, That a Correspondence with the Revd. Pby of Munster shou'd now commence and be continued in time to come, and therefore Mr Hutcheson was Invited to sit and act as a Member of this Synod, which he consented to do.—the above letter to be answered by Mr Jas Caldwell, & he is enjoined to signifie to our brethren of Munster Pby this resolution, and that one of our Members shall be annualy appointed to carry on this friendly correspondence.

Ordered that the several Presbyteries meet this evening and prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to morrow morning of their members for the sevl Committees of Overtures Bills, Books fund and Genl Synods fixed Committee, as also an account of such ministers as have died, been ordained, Installed and Candidates licensed or entered on trials since last G. Synod; also an acct of the widows upon the fund, if any have died, the time to be mentioned; also an acct of the women now living that have been minister's wives and are not upon the fund. Pbys to meet Returns to be made

Ordered that upon the event of any widow's Death, an annuitant on the fund the Pby in whose bounds she lived do immediately Inform Mr Lang of the time of her Death, that no mistake be made in the Distribuition of the Annuities. Death of Annuitants to be Signified to Mr Lang

Ordered that Mr Carson, as appointed at last Genl Synod, preach to ye Synod to morrow morning at nine o'clock at nine o'clock, and that he be succeeded in prayer by such members as the Modr shall then appoint until eleven o'clock, when open Synod shall begin. Mr Carson

Mr Ranken, next in votes to the Modr. now chosen, is appointed to preach the second day of next Synods meeting at nine o'clock in the morning, and to be succeded in prayer by such members as the Modr shall then appoint until eleven o'clock. This session concluded wt prayer. Mr Ranken

2d Session Wednesday at Eleven o'clock forenoon after prayer &c. 2d Session

Mr Carson preached from Joh: 5: 37, and the appointment for prayer was observed.

The Pbys gave in lists of their Members for the sevl Committees, as also the following, acctS namely:— Returns made

Licensed

The Pby of Dublin have licensed Mr Alexr. Henry. Widows on the fund with them are Mrs McBath, Mrs Patton, Mrs McMaster does not receive it.

Monaghan Pby have on the fund Mrs Algoe, Mrs Clark, Mrs McKee, Mrs Bond, family of Mr Ambrose.

Dead

Tyrone Pby report Mr Duffin died 14th Sepr 1770. He was a contributor to the fund, left a widow and children. They have entered Mr McCurdy on 1st Trials. Upon the fund with them are Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Peebles, Mrs Orr, Mrs Duffin—not on the fund Mrs Carlisle, Mrs Rea.

Licensed

Letterkenny Pby have licensed Mr Alexander Marshell ; on the fund wt them Mrs Turretine, family of Mr Hamilton.

Ordained

Derry Pby ordained Mr Dunn June 18 : 1771 a Contributor to the fund. With them on the fund Mrs Murray, Mrs Cochran, Mrs Strawbridge, Mrs Walker, Mrs Lyle, Mrs Hare. Not on the fund, Mrs Ross, Mrs Harvy, Mrs Spence.

Dead
Dead

Bangor Pby report that Mr Smith died the 11th Febry, 1771, was not a contributor to the Widow's fund ; and Mr Dickson a contributor died ye 18th May, 1771, left a widow & family. Widows with them on the fund are Mrs Malcom, Mrs Cochran, Mrs Buchanan, Mrs Moorhead, Mrs Warnick, Mrs Dickson ; Not on the fund Mrs Moor, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Hastings, Mrs Montgomery.

Ordd

Killylea Pby have ordained Mr Dickson, 6th March 1771, a contributor to the fund. Widows on the fund Mrs Fergie, Mrs Scott.

Armagh Pby have on the fund Mrs Cherry, Mrs Maxwell, Mrs Johnston.

Dromore Pby have upon the fund Mrs King, Mrs Gordon, Mrs Semple, Mrs White, Mrs Simms.

Licensed
Ordained

Templepatrick Pby have Licensed Mr Andw Hume, & ordained Mr Wm Blakely, 12th Decr 1770, a contributor to the fund. Widows upon the fund with them Mrs Thompson, Mrs Dunbar, Not on ye fund Mrs Frezier.

Ordained
Died

Ballymena Pby have Ordained Mr Jno. Lyndsay, 28th May 1771, a Contributor to the fund. They report Mr Jas Cochran, died 19th Decemr 1770, Mr John Brown, 5th June 1771, each left a widow & family, Mr Higginbothom died, time not mentioned, he left family only. They have licensed Messrs Thos Armstrong, & John Forsyth, they have entered on 1st trials Mr H. Miller. Widows with them Mrs O'Bryan, Mrs McCurdy, Mrs Hill, Mrs James White, Mrs Cochran, Mrs Brown, family of Mr Higginbothom.

Trials

Licensed
Trials

Strabane Pby have Licensed Mr Maxwell Welsh, & Mr Saml Lettimor, & have entered Mr Letch on 1st Trials. Mrs Armstrong on the fund. Not on ye fund Mrs Hemphill, Mrs Donaldson.

Dead
Ordained

Rout Pby report Mr Thompson died the 7th June Inst, left a widow & family, they ordained Hu. McClelland, June 10th, 1771, a Contributor to the fund—on the fund with them Mrs Lynd, Mrs Gaston, Mrs Smylie, Mrs McBride, family of Mr Brown, Mrs Thompson.

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee, the same as in ye years past. Fixed Committee

The Committee appointed to meet at Carntall the 2^d Tuesday in July last past, to consider and give Judgement upon the merits of a Libel, exhibited to the Pby of Tyrone against M^r McNeally, mett, they produced a copy of their resolution with respect to said Libel, by which it appeared that they approved the conduct of the Pby of Tyrone with regard to M^r McNeally, & suspended him from the exercise of his ministerial office, *sine die*,—this Synod see no reason why said resolution shou'd not be approved. Karntall

It was moved & nnanimously agreed to, that if M^r M'Neally do not satisfie the Pby of Tyrone, as to the disposal of £20 Bequathed to the min^r of Carntall Congregation, & likewise of £20 bequathed to the poor of said Parish, he shall be deposed from the ministerial office. M^r McNeally

Upon reading the minutes of last G. Synod respecting the appointment of suppliers to the Congregation of Killead, it was observed, that a young man who had been appointed to supply that Congregation was forbid to go, in a Letter from a member of Templepatrick Pby at the desire of said Cong^n, whereby he sustained considerable Damage. Killead

Resolved that Messrs Bryson from Bangor, Messrs Rankin, Cuming, & Scott, from Ballymena Pby shall meet with the Pby of Templepatrick at Crumline the 2^d Tuesday in Augt next, and enquire into the reasons of forbiding the suppliers appointed by last Genl Synod to supply Killead—Mr Rodgers is enjoined to use his best Endeavours to procure ye copy of the minutes of last Genl Synod respecting the suppliers, apponted to supply Killead Congregation, and enjoin the Clerk of said Congregation to attend Templepatrick Pby, w^t Correspondents as above.

It was proposed that the Time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now, the question was put meet at Antrim or Lurgan, the Roll called & it carried to meet at Lurgan the last Tuesday in June, 1772. Sermon to begin at five o'clock afternoon. Next Synod

Ordered that the sev^l Committees meet immediately, adjourned until half an hour after six. Interloq^r at five, ye session, concluded w^t prayer. Next Synod

3^d *Session at half after six upon Wednesday afternoon, after prayer, &c.* 3d Session

Inquiry was made if the sev^l Pbys have conformed to the Synod's order, in reading to their respective Congregations the Regulations relative to entering Studients upon trials & licensing Canditates for the ministry—And it appeared that some ministers have read these regulations & some have not; ordered that each member who hath not observed the Synod's Instructions in ye matter, shall do it before next Synod:

Mr Rankin requested that this Synod wou'd be pleased to inform the Pby of Ballymena, whether any Dissenting preacher a foreigner may be appointed by a particular Pby in the bounds of this Synod, to supply a congregation under their care, without having first exhibited creden- Pby Ballymena

tials to the Gen[l] or a particular Synod. After this matter was long debated the Synod resolved that their Clk be enjoined & accordingly is hereby enjoined to search their records, and if in them any Rule be found respecting the admission of foreign preachers into the Bounds of the Gen[l] Synod, he is to transmit a Copy to the Pby of Ballymena for their information & they are to conform to it.

Donaghadee

A Supplication from Donaghadee was presented to this Synod by Sam[l] Young & Ja[s] Adams Comm[rs] wherein they request that suppliers may be granted them for ths space of six months, and that the following Gentlemen be appointed to supply them that time, Rev[d] M[r] Stoup, from the Pby of Monaghan, the month of July next; M[r] Jn[o] Adams Jun[r] from y[e] Pby Tyrone the month of Aug[t] next, M[r] Saml. Patten from Letterkenny, the month of Sep[r], M[r] Caldwell from Rout Pby, the month of 8ber, the Rev[d] M[r] Abernethy the month of November, & M[r] Andw. Hume from Templepatrick Pby the month of Decem[r]. The above Supplication granted.

New Pby.

A supplication was presented to this Synod, subscribed by Mess[rs] W[m] Boyd, M[r] Magaghy, Jn[o] Holms and Ben: M'Dowell, wherein they say they are surprised that M[r] Gordon hath been disannexed from the Pby of Letterkenny, and Intreat that this Synod wou'd be pleased to erect them, M[r] Gordon, and all other ministers, Probationers, and vacant congregations in the Pby of Letterkenny who please to join them, into a Pby by the name of Raphoe.

To this supplication the Pby of Letterkenny objected, and urged it ought not to be granted. M[r] M[c]Dowell and the Pby of Letterkenny were heard at a considerable length and removed—after some reasoning the question was put—grant the above supplication or not? The roll called and it carried not by all the members present—three only excepted. The parties were called, this resolution read to them, and they acquiesced.

The Committee of Overtures and the Committee of the fund to meet in this meeting house to morrow morning at eight o'clock. Interloq[r] at nine, open Synod at twelve. This session concluded with prayer.

4th Session

4th Session Thursday at Twelve o'clock after prayer, &c.

The Committee of Overtures proposed the following overture to the consideration of this Synod—

Overture

Whereas there is reason to believe that sev[l] Bequeathments, Donations and Legacies, given for the maintenance and support of sev[l] congregations in the bounds of this Synod have, thro' negligence or fraud in the Trustees, been lost or alienated to other purposes than those for which they were granted—for the recovery, preservation, and security of such grants and donations it is humbly overtured—

That all money, houses, lands, &c., which have been, or shall hereafter be demised, granted or bequathed, for the use of any Dissenting congregation within the bounds of this Synod shall be en-

quired into, demanded, reported to and entered in the books of the Presbytery to which such congregation belongs, before the meeting of next G. Synod, an extract of which shall be transmitted or produced by the Clerk of each Pby to next Gen[l] Synod, and that each Pby be enjoined to make a particular enquiry of such Grants and make a report accordingly.

The above overture was read and approved, and each Pby enjoined by this Synod to demand a restitution of all such alienations.

The Subsynod of Derry complained that the Pby of Rout do not attend upon their meetings, tho' they presume that Pby have been rejoined to them, as their Clerk annually receives his fees from each member of it. Rout Pby

The Synod being uncertain whether Rout Pby hath been rejoined by order of the Gen[l] Synod to the Subsynod of Derry or not, unanimously agreed that they shou'd be rejoined to that Subsynod and order them to attend its meetings in time to come.

Enquiry was made if collections for the Synod's fund have been made and brought to this Synod as appointed; and it appeared very few have been made. Ordered that M[r] Macomb (as formerly appointed) be enjoined, and accordingly is hereby enjoined to reprint the letter recommending Contributions to this Charitable fund, and copies of it be sent to the sev[l] Pbys, by them to be read in their respective congregations. Fund

A Supplication from the session of Raphoe was presented to this Synod by John Willson, wherein they complain that three members of that congregation have interrupted them in the exercise of their office, by taking the publick collections, & will give no account of the distribution of them, and pray for advice. Raphoe

Resolved that as the party complained of is not present, the Synod cannot take upon them to give Judgment in this affair, but refer to the consideration of such members, as M[r] Gordon or his congregation may invite, from any neighbouring Pbys (according to a former resolution of this Synod) to assist him or them in the management of their affairs, who are hereby authorized to give Judgement in the present case as they shall see cause.

A Supplication from Elez[th] Brakenridge, daughter of the late Rev[d] Baptist Boyd, was presented to this Synod, representing her distressed circumstances, & the distressful situation of a disordered sister who depends upon her for support. Resolved that a collection be made, w[c] accordingly was made from the members present, for the immediate relief of these poor distressed women; and it was warmly recommended to the Pby of Monaghan to raise contributions for their future support.

A letter from M[r] Magill a member of an associate Pby addressed to the Pby of Tyrone, & refered to this Synod was read, wherein he complains of being Injured by his Pby, who have suspended him from the exercise of his ministeral office (as he says) without any just cause, & prays that by this Synod he may be restored & allowed to become a member with them. Resolved that the Pby of Tyrone ought not to take M[r] Magill

notice of any application of this kind, from Mr Magill until he take proper measures to have the suspension he is now under removed or show to their conviction that he is unjustly suspended.

The Modr concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st *Interloqr.*

Widows fund £8641 14 1½

At an Interloqr consisting of the Genl Synod & Messrs Mackay & Niven from the Pby of Antrim, a letter from the Trustees of the widows fund was read, wherein they give an account that the present amount of the fund is £8614 4 1½ & that Mr Caldwell carries with him to the constituents of the fund the opinions of two Lawyers of Eminence relative to ths funds being vested in Lands. And they Judge it expedient (if the constituents shou'd resolve to lay out the money upon land), to draw out of the English & purchase in the Irish funds in order to be prepared; & for this they think the present a very proper time, as Irish treasury debrs can be had on very advantagious terms. And they mentioned the following gentlemen, as being proper any of them to fill up the Number of Trustees Messrs Exekl Bullock, Wm Colvill, & Counsr Cromie.

The opinions of the Lawyers were also read, by which it appears the fund may safely be vested in Lands.

Resolved that Messrs Mackay & White ansr the Trustees letter, and signifie to them that it is the opinion of the constituents they shou'd draw out of the English & purchase in the Irish Treasury Debrs, Especially as the Trustees are of opinion Irish Treasury Debrs may now be had on very advantagious Terms.

Purchase

It was next taken into consideration whether the Expediency of purchashing lands with the funds be determined now or postponed until next Synod. The Roll called and it carried, determine now, the question was next put, purchase at present or not? the Roll called & it carried not.

2d. *Interloqr.*

Mr Bullock

The Trustee's letter was again read. Resolved that it be signified to the Trustees that Mr Bullock is chosen and invited by the constituents to fill up the present vacancy in the Number of Trustees, in the room of Mr Montgomery deceased. It was next taken into consideration whether an addition shou'd now be made to the number of Trustees, or not? The Roll called, & it carried in the affirmative; & it was unanimously agreed that Counsr Cromie & Docr Mackbride of the city of Dublin be added to the number of Trustees, and accordingly are chosen & invited to take upon them, that Trust.

Declare ye trust

Resolved that it be proposed to the Trustees in the ansr given their letter whether it wou'd be expedient that any gentlemen added to the number of Trustees or placed in the room of a former one, shou'd declare his trust.

It was proposed and unanimously agreed to, that the Clerk of the Synod in a letter to Mr Lang shou'd signifie that it is the desire of the constituents of the fund, that he Mr Lang inform them why he shou'd take upon him to detain any of the annuities arising from this fund and particularly why he hath detained Mrs Cherrie's for private Debt, and declined to give any satisfaction to the Pby of Armagh, when they wrote to him upon that subject & that the constituents expect he will speedily answer the Pby of Armagh's letter. Mr Lang

The Gentlemen appointed to answer the Trustees letter, brought in the Draught of an answer, which was read & approved, and is to be inserted in the widows fund book.

It was moved and agreed to that Mr Sprate be allowed a double portion of the R. D. in time to come; of this resolution Mr Lang is to be informed by the Clerk of the Synod. Mr Sprate

Messrs Ferguson and Hood refunded all the money they received for Mr Huey in case he had gone to America as was proposed, except the following sums, which Mr Ferguson hath in his hands, and will Return as soon as he hath an opportunity. Money refunded

To Messrs

Robt. Elder ..	0	2	8½	Geo. Richey ..	0	5	8¼
Saml. Patten ..		5	8¼	Alexr. Nealson..		5	8¼
Arthur Kylie ..		5	8¼	Jos. Osborn ..		5	8¼
Robt. Smith ..		11	4¼	Hu. Young ..		5	8¼

Inserted by

WILL: RODGERS, G. S. Clk.

Lurgan, 30th *June*, 1772.

Mr Alexander Modr of the former Synod, opened this by preaching from Isa. 11 : 9. Then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the sevl Presbyteries as followeth.

Minrs.	Elders.
Dublin Pby.	
Jas. Caldwel	
Monaghan Pby.	
Geo. Carson	
Hu. Mulligan	
Jas. Jackson	
Saml. Kennedy	
Wm. Sprate	
Jno. Warnock	
Jas. Kinneer	Wm. Gray
Jno. Mathewson	
Wm. Moor	
David Young	Leturnel Hudson
Tyrone Pby.	
Chas. Caldwell	
Jas. Todd	
Jno. White	
Jno. M'Clelland	
Killylea Pby.	
Alexander Macomb	Wm. Coon
John Strong	
Robt. Smyth	
Mos. Nealson	
Jos. Litle	
Wm. Steel Dickson	
Armagh Pby.	
Jas. Moodie	
Geo. Ferguson	
Henry Jackson	
Wm. Campbel	
Saml. Livingston	Robt. M'Neally
Templepatrick Pby.	
Wm. Rodgers	
John Wright	
Thos. Read	
William Montgomery	
John Bankhead	
Wm. Blakely	
Andw. Hume	Hu. Moore

Minrs.	Elders.
Dromore Pby.	
Alexr. Nealson	Jno. Kelly
John Smith	
Wm. Henry	
Isaac Patrick	Jas. Culbrath
Robt. M'Clure	Jno. Scott
Saml. Barbar	
Jas. Birch	
Jno. Thompson	
Bangor Pby.	
Jos. Kinkead	
Wm. Laird	
Jos. Mitchell	
Wm. Rowan	Thos. Hall
James Hull	
James Cochran	
James Bryson	
Jas. Stoupe	Geo. Dickson
Letterkenny Pby.	
Ben. Holms	Saml. Patten
Andw. Alexander	
Ben. M'Dowell	
Ballymena Pby.	
Jno. Ranken	
Jos. Douglass	
James Cuming	
Jno. Lyndsay	

Mr Alexander moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, the following Brethren were named as a leet :—Messrs Mathewson, McClelland, Dickson, Wright, Henry, Kinkead, McDowell, Ranken, and Strong the Roll called and Mr Strong chosen. Mr Rodgers continued Clerk. Modr chosen Clerk.

Mr Caldwell as appointed wrote to the Revd Pby of Munster, that it was the inclination of the G. Synod to keep up a friendly correspondence with them. Pby Munster

Ordered that the sevl Pbys meet this evening and prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to morrow morning of their members for the several committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, fund, and G. Synods fixed Committee, as also an acct. of such ministers as have died, been ordained, installed or candidates licensed, or entered on trials since last G. Synod—likewise an account of the widows upon the fund, if any have died since last Synod, the time to be mentioned; also an acct. of women now living that have been minrs. wives, and are not upon the fund.

Ordered that upon the event of any widows death, an annuitant on the fund, the Pby in whose bounds she lived, do immediately inform Mr Lang that no mistake be made in the Distribution of the annuities.

Ordered that Mr Ranken as appointed preach to this Synod tomorrow morning at nine o'clock and be succeeded in prayer by such members as the Modr. shall then appoint, until eleven o'clock, when open Synod shall begin. Mr Ranken

As Mr Ranken is next in votes to the Moderator now chosen, Mr Henry who is second in votes is appointed to preach to the G. Synod the second day of their next meeting at nine o'clock forenoon. Mr Henry

This Session concluded with prayer.

2d Session Wednesday at eleven o'clock forenoon after prayer, &c.

Mr Ranken preached from 2 Cor. 14 9, the appointment for prayer was observed. Mr Ranken

The Pbys gave in lists of their members for the sevl Committees, as also the following accounts :—

The Pby of Dublin report that Docr. Thos. Vance died the 1st June 1772, he was a contributor to the widows fund and left a widow and children. On the fund with them are Mrs Macbeth, Mrs Vance. Dead

Monaghan Pby have ordained Mr Young the 8th inst. he is a contributor to the widows fund, they have entered Mr Stephenson on 2d trials. Widows on the fund with them are Mrs Algoe, Mrs McKee, Mrs Clark, Mrs Bond famy Mr Ambrose—not on the fund, Mrs Carlile. Ordained Trials

Tyrone Pby have licensed Mr Macurdy, they have entered Mr Adams on second trials. They report Mr Johnstone died the 16th Augt 1771 he was a contributor to the widows fund, but left no family— Licensed Dead

widows with them on the fund are Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Peebles, Mrs Orr, Mrs Duffin. Not on the fund, Mrs Rhea.

2d Trials Dead

Letterkenny Pby have entered Mr David Allen on 2d trials they report Mr Boyd died the 2d May 1772 he was a contributor to the widows fund and left children only—on the fund with them Mrs Turretine, family Mr Boyd.

Killylea Pby have on the fund Mrs Fergie, Mrs Scott.

Installed

Bangor Pby have installed Mr Stoupe at Dunmurry 3d June 1772. they have entered Mr Caldwell on 2d trials—widows on the fund with them are Mrs Malcom, Mrs Cochran, Mrs Buchanan, Mrs Warnock, Mrs Dickson—not on the fund, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Moore, Mrs Hastings, Mrs Montgomery.

Dead

Armagh Pby report Mr Menagh died the 20th Decemr 1771. he was a contributor to the widows fund and left a widow and family. On the fund with them are Mrs Maxwell, Mrs Cherrie.

Dromore Pby report Mr Richey died the 7th Decemr. 1771. he left a widow and children, and Mr Morrel died the 6th March 1772 he was a contributor to the fund left no family. On ye fund with them Mrs Semple, Mrs Gordon, Mrs King, Mrs White, Mrs Simms, Mrs Richey, famys Mr Allen & Mr Thompson.

Templepatrick Pby have ordained Mr Andw. Hume at Killead 26th Febry. 1772. he is a contributor to the widows fund—on the fund with them are Mrs Thompson, Mrs Dunbar—not on the fund Mrs Freziér.

Ballymena Pby have entered Mr Rentell on 2d trials. On the fund with them Mrs O'Bryen, Mrs Macurdy, Mrs Hill, Mrs White, Mrs Cochran, Mrs Brown—not on the fund Mrs M'Creight.

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee the same as in years past.

Enniskillen

Enquiry being made by this Synod concerning the ordination of Mr Young, at Enniskillen, it appeared that Mr Hamilton alone attended, who preached and performed all the service of ordination excepting the imposition of hands and prayer which accompanies it, but that Mr Young was afterwards ordained at Glenan. The Synod appointed Messrs Alexander, White, Smith, Campbel, Caldwell, Jackson, Bryson, and Bankhead to meet as a Committee immediately, and bring in a report to us of their opinion what shou'd be done in this affair.

Said Committee mett and reported that it was their opinion this Synod shou'd express their dissatisfaction with the Pby Monaghan (excepting Mr Hamilton, who we are satisfied hath been regular in the discharge of his duty as a member of that Pby) for not attending at Enniskillen on the day appointed for Mr Young's ordination, and for their not attending Presbyterial appointments and meetings in gen1, and to entreat and enjoin that Pby to be more regular for the future, and to order the whole meeting of that Pby at Enniskillen the 1st

Tuesday in Augt. next, and to have Mr Young's public declaration in the meeting house of his acceptance of the pastoral care of that congregation, and their acceptance of him for their minister, and that Messrs Nealson and Delap of Omagh do attend said Pby at s^{d}. meeting, and that Mr Nealson preach, and Mr Delap read this minute immediately after public worship from the pulpit, and that Mr Young give timely notice of this appointment to his congregation, and that timely notice be given, by order of this Synod, to Messrs Nealson and Delap, and that they make a return to next G. Synod of all who attended, and of the observance of this our order—the above determination was considered and approved by this Synod, and their Clerk ordered to make out a copy of it and send it by Mr Alexander to Messrs Nealson and Delap.

Upon enquiry it appeared that the Regulations respecting entering upon trials candidates for the ministry have not been read by some members of the Synod to their congregations. Ordered that they be read before next meeting of the G. Synod, and if any neglect to do it, they are to be called to an acc^{t}. for their omission by their Pby, and report made to next Synod. Regulations

It was reported to this Synod, that the Pby Rout have not attended the meeting of Derry Subsynod tho' enjoined to do it by last G. Synod—Resolved that the Pby Rout be ordered, and accordingly are hereby ordered and enjoined to attend next meeting of Derry Subsynod, and if they refuse complyance with this our order, as they have with a former, their conduct will be animadverted upon at G. Synod, as it deserves—and they are hereby expressly requested and enjoined to attend at next meeting of the G. Synod, and answer for their conduct in the above affair. Pby Rout

The state and circumstances of the Synod's fund refered to the consideration of the Committee of that fund. Synod's fund

Enquiry was made if the Pby Monaghan had complyed with the Synod's Instructions in raising contributions for Elizth. Brakenridge and her sister (daughter of the late Rev^{d}. Bapt. Boyd) now in very indigent circumstances, and it appeared the Synod's order in that affair hath not been attended to. Resolved that the former appointment respecting these poor women be renewed, and the members of that Pby now present are enjoined to inform those of them, that are absent, of this resolution and to recommend it warmly to them to comply with it.

Adjourned till six o'clock afternoon. Interloq^{r} at five, this session concluded w^{t} prayer.

3^{d} Session Wednesday at six o'clock afternoon, after prayer &c. 3d Session

The Rev^{d}. Mr Caldwell requested this Synod that such min^{rs}. or Probationers w^{t}in their bounds, as he in the name of Usher's quay Dublin, shou'd invite to supply that congregation may be authorized without farther application, immediately to comply. This granted.

Enquiry was made if the sev[l] Pbys have complyed with the Instructions given at last G. Synod to Enquire whether in their respective bounds any donations in houses, Lands, or money have been made, or Leases granted for the use of Dissenting congregations.

Donation

Donation

Armagh Pby reported that bequests have been made to the amount of £130 to the dissenting congregation of Banbridge, and the interest regularly paid to the min[r] of said cong[n]. They likewise report that £130 was bequeathed by Arthur Graham Esq., for the use of y[e] Dissenting min[rs] of Armagh cong[n] which sum hath been laid out, together with a large voluntary contribution in building a dwelling house for the use of the dissenting [Minister], on a tenement granted for lives renewable for ever, trust being declared in the body of said lease date 31st Decem[r], 1768. About the year 1730, a large tenement was taken for three lives for the use of said cong[n], from M[r] Maxwel afterwards L[d] Fernham, on part of which the meeting house now stands & also the above named dwelling house, the rest was given up to John Johnstone Esq[r], for valuable consideration.

Donation

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Donation

Strabane Pby report that Hu. Edwards Esq[r], bequeathed to the cong[n] of Dergg ten pounds st[rl] yearly, which was regularly paid to the dissenting min[r] of said cong[n]. They also reported that M[r] John Knox bequeathed £30 to the Dissenting congregation of Strabane which was not received,—and that M[r] David Bradly bequeathed £30, and M[r] Tho[s] Knox £16 to said congregation which were rec[d] and applied to the design of the doners, and that the late Rev[d] Vic[r] Ferguson, bequeathed a house & farm to the congregation of Strabane, of which it enjoyed the benefit.

Next Synod

It was proposed that the time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now, the question was put, meet at Lurgan or Antrim, the Roll called & it carried to meet at Lurgan the last Tuesday in June, 1773, Sermon to begin at five o'clock afternoon.

Donaghadee

A supplication from Donaghadee, was presented to this Synod by Mess[rs] William Macormick & Tho[s] Macage. wherein they request that M[r] Miller who hath supplied them one month lately, may be appointed to supply them two more, or what part of that time this Synod thinks proper, and that a member of Bangor Pby supply them the Sabb[th] immediately after & take the minds of that cong[n] with respect to their giving M[r] Miller an Invitation to become their minister. After some reasoning, it was determined that M[r] Miller supply Donaghadee the two ensuing Lord's days and the Pby of Bangor will send one of their members, the Lord's day immediately after & take the sense of that people with respect to M[r] Miller.

Raphoe

A supplication from Raphoe was presented to this Synod by Jos. Henderson, wherein they set forth that M[r] Gordon hath been charged with many Irregularities, and pray that a Committee be appointed to meet at Raphoe as soon as convenient, to enquire into & give Judgement upon this affair.

Pby Letterkenny

Letterkenny Pby informed this Synod, they had exhibited a complaint against M[r] Gordon to the Subsynod of Derry, which was

refered to this Synod & requested, if a Committee be appointed to meet at Raphoe they be ordered to take their complaint under consideration also, & give Judgement upon it. The above granted, & the members of the Committee are—Messrs And^{w} Ferguson, Thos Bond, Jno. Hood, Saml Patten, & Jno. Law, from Derry Pby—Messrs Hu. Young, Robt Nealson, Jo^{s} Coulter, Ja^{s} Torbet, & Wm Crawford, from Strabane Pby—these with an Elder each to meet at Raphoe, the 2^{d} Wednesday in Augt next, five min^{rs} & three Elders to be a quorum, and then & there to hear and determine, all complaints against Mr Gordon from the congregation of Raphoe & Pby of Letterkenny, that Pby to attend the Meeting of said Committee & give what Light in the affair they can. The Commissioner to inform all the members who are to constitute said committee & serve Mr Gordon with a copy of this minute. Adjourned until 12 o'clock to-morrow. Interloq^{r} at 9, ye Sess^{n}. concluded w^{t} prayer.

4th Session Thursday at twelve o'clock after prayer, &c. 4th Sess^{n}

The Committee of Overtures offered the following overture to this Synod, w^{c} was considered and approved—namely, that in appointing candidates to supply vacant congregations, no more than one candidate shall be appointed at once, and that upon hearing said candidate for the time appointed, the sense of the congregation be taken concerning him, by a member of the Pby to which the congregation belongs, whether they wou'd choose to give him an invitation to be their min^{r}. and provided he be not chosen, that they then apply for the hearing of another, and the sense of the congreg^{n} be taken in the same manner as before, and so on till they are setled. Overture

The following overture was likewise proposed:—That any Probationer from another Kingdom coming into the bounds of this Synod as a candidate, shall not be allowed to preach by any min^{r}. belonging to the Synod till he have first produced his credentials to the Genl Synod, and if sustained as genuine, shall by them be put under the care of such Pby as they think fit; and that every such Licentiate shall deliver a discourse before said Pby at their first meeting and go thro' such examination as they shall think proper: After reasoning upon the above overture the question was put, pass it into a Rule or not? The Roll called and it carried, pass—Mr Ben: McDowel dissented from this Rule, and said he wou'd give the reasons for his dissent in due time. Overture M^{r} McDowel

The Committee of the fund took under their consideration the Synod's fund, which our forefathers had designed to support a gospel ministry in such poor congregations in their bounds, as must otherwise want an opportunity of joining in publick worship and receiving Instructions from the publick teaching of Christianity. That Committee after bewailing the Genl Inattention at present to that important Charitable Institution, recommended the following expedient as more likely to keep in ministers a constant sympathy with their brethren in a poor situation than any that have been hitherto attempted:—That each Pby do from this time undertake to make the best provision they Synod's Fund regulated

can for one of the ministers now on the list of that fund, and in pursuance of this the Committee proposed the following disposition—and if any minister on the List receive from any congregation allotted to another he shall forefeit the protection of ye G. Synod.

For ye Pbys of Derry & Monaghan : Mr Sprate of Killenker.
Tyrone : Mr Hogg, Loghgall.
Killylea : Mr Macomb, Craigan.
Armagh : Mr Dickson, Carlingford.
Ballymena: Mr Rowan, Ballinderry
Strabane : Mr King, Holywood.
Templepatrick Pby : Mr Warnock, Castleblainy.
Rout and Dromore : Mr Todd, Venecash.
Bangor : Mr Mitchel, Moira.
Letterkenny : Mr Wilson, Moywater, & it is hoped the well disposed people in Dublin will consider the necessity of good Mr Wilson of Moywater.

The foregoing expedient was approved by the G. Synod, and each Pby enjoined to take special care of the minister allotted to them.

Adjourned till six afternoon. Interloq^r at four. Concluded with prayer.

5th Session Thursday at six afternoon, after prayer, &c.

Carntall

From the congregation of Carntall appeared Commissioners—James Majer, Geo : Mitcheltree and David Johnston, who produced a paper subscribed by sev^l. members in that cong^n in which they exhibit many complaints against M^r McNeally, particularly his attempting to prevent the setlement of a min^r in that congregation by unfairly charging them with an arrear stipend of £475 : 2 : 6 :—and pray that this Synod wou'd interpose their good offices to have a Gospel Min^r fixed among them.

M^r McNeally

M^r McNeally appeared, spoke long in his own vindication, alledged that the complaints against him were groundless, and prayed that justice be done him before a min^r be fixed in Carntall cong^n. M^r McNeally and the Comm^rs. being heard for a considerable time and removed, it was resolved that a Committee of the following min^rs. Messrs Ferguson and Campbel from Armagh Pby; Messrs Mulligan, Hamilton, Kennedy, Harris and Young from Monaghan Pby; Messrs Scott and Coulter from Strabane; and from Bangor Pby Messrs Bryson and Stoupe, these min^rs. with their Elders shall meet at Carntall the last Tuesday in July next (five min^rs. and two elders to be a quorum) and Inspect into, setle and finally determine all matters of dispute between M^r McNeally and the congregation of Carntall, and report their determination to the Pby of Tyrone, and the Committee are to enquire into, and see the Bequests for the use of the poor of Carntall congregation and the widows fund properly accounted for, Mr White to inform the members of the Committee, who are not present of this appointm^t.

Tullylish

The Pby of Dromore in the name of Tullylish congregation requested that Mr Adams Junr from the Pby of Tyrone be appointed to supply that Congregation the three last Sabb^ths in July & first in August, and in case that Pby, upon enquiring into the minds of the

people of Tullylish, find they are not inclined to give Mr Adams a call, Mr Rentall of Ballymena Pby be appointed to supply that congn the three last Sabbths in Augt & the first in Sepr. This granted.

Mr Alexander was requested to have the sermon printed which he preached at the opening of this Synod, and Mr Ranken was also requested to print the sermon he preached upon the second day of this Synod's meeting. Messrs Alexander & Ranken

The Modr concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st. *Interloqr.*

At an Interloqr consisting of the G. Synod & Pby of Antrim, a letter from the Trustees of the Widows fund was read in which they give an acct that the present amount of the fund is £8492 : 9 : 8½, and that the Capital hath been removed from the English & vested in the Irish funds, and the expenses attending that transfer was £259 : 5 : 2½. Messrs Mackay, Campbel & Alexander, are to answer the Trustees letter, and propose to them whether it might not be expedient to have a deed of Trust duely executed, in order to prevent to any of them or to us, any trouble, that might possibly arise from the Exrs of any of the Trustees upon the event of their death. Widows Fund £8492 9 8½

Resolved that Mr Lang he enjoined to pay annually, (until he be otherwise instructed) into the Widows fund £346 out of the R:D: and over and above that sum he is to pay out of the R:D: of each minr, who shall be a contributor to the fund four pounds twelve shillings for the first year after his ordination. £346 to be pd annually into the fund

2d. *Interloqr.*

The affairs of the widows fund was taken into consideration, and after some reasoning, the question was put, let the fund remain where it is or not? The Roll was called & it carried remain.

It was proposed that every subscriber to the widows fund, shall have power to order the distribution of the annuity arising to his children out of this fund to be made in such manner among them as he shall direct, whether by will or otherwise, this agreed to. Distribution to children

It was proposed that Mr Lang be enjoined to pay the annuities arising from our fund, without any reguard to private accts and particularly to pay the whole of the annuities to Mrs Cherrie—after some reasoning upon this proposal, it was moved that the question shou'd be put, enjoin Mr Lang or not? Mr White of Tyrone Pby protested against putting of this question to a vote, after his protest was entered, the question was put, Enjoin Mr Lang or not? The Roll called & it carried enjoin. The Clerk of the Synod was ordered to inform Mr Lang of this resolution. Mr Lang

Mr Jno. Peebles complained that Mr Lang refused to pay him any part of the annuity to which he is entitled, by his father, being a

subscriber to the widows fund. Resolved that the Clerk of the Synod inform Mr Lang, that Mr Peebles has a right to the eighth part of annuity arising from the fund to the family of the late Revd Mr Peebles—no retrospect to what Mrs Peebles has received.

Inserted

WILL: ROGERS G:S: Clk.

July 12th 1772.

A Genl Synod at Lurgan, 29th June, 1773.

Mr Strong Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Rom. 12 : 3, then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the sev^l Presbyteries as followeth.

Minrs.	Elders
Monaghan Pby.	
Geo. Carson	
Hu. Mulligan	
Jas. Jackson	
Saml. Kennedy	
Jno. Warnock	
Wm. Moor	
Geo. Harris	
David Young	
Tyrone Pby.	
Jno. Gibson	
Chas. Caldwell	Jno. M'Curdy
Jas. Todd	
Jno. White	
Wm. Kennedy	Andw. Wilson
Jno. M'Clelland	
Wm. Wilson	Robt. Gillmore
Geo. Murray	
Alexr. Merceer	
Andw. Miller	
Killela Pby.	
Jas. Armstroug	
Jno. Strong	
Robt. Smith	
Mos. Nealson	
Jos. Litle	
Robt. Porter	
Strabane Pby.	
Jos. Osborn	
Wm. Craford	
Templepatrick Pby.	
Wm. Rodgers	
Jno. Wright	
Thos. Read	
Jno. Bankhead	
Wm. Blakely	
Andw. Hume	Hu. Moor
Armagh Pby.	
Jas. Moody	
Hen : Jackson	
Wm. Campbel	Geo. Kennedy
Saml. Livingstone	Robt. M'Neally
Robt. Dickson	

Minrs.	Elders
Dromore Pby.	
Alexr. Nealson	
Wm. Henry	Saml. M'Cadam
Robt. M'Clure	
Saml. Barbar	Jas. Hart
Jas. Birch	Jno. Lawry
Jno. Thompson	Jas. White
Jos. Hay	
Bangor Pby.	
Jos. Kinkead	
Jos. Mitchell	
Wm. Rowan	
Jas. Hull	
Jas. Bryson	
Jas. Malcom	Alexr. Swane
Jas Stoupe	Geo Dickson
Jas. Caldwell	
Jno. Adams	
Letterkenny Pby.	
Ben. M'Dowell	
Robt. Caldwell	
Rout Pby.	
Jno. Abernethy	
Wm. Lynd	
Alexr. Marshell	
Saml. Hamilton	
Ballymena Pby	
Jas. White	
Jno. Ranken	
Jos. Douglass	
Jas. Cuming	
Jno. Lyndsay	
Dublin Pby.	
Jas. Caldwell	
Jas. Gordon	

Mod^r. chosen

Mr Strong moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, The following Brethren were named as a leet, Messrs Ja^s Jackson, McClelland, Smith, Osborn, Wright, Henry, Kinkead, Abernethy, Ranken, McDowell, and Campbell, the Roll called & Mr Campbell chosen—Mr Rodgers continued Clk.

Clk.

Pbys to meet

Ordered that the sev^l Pbys meet this evening & prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod to morrow morning, of their members for the sev^l Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund, and Genl Synod's Fixed Committee, also an acc^t of such ministers as have died, been Ordained, Installed, or candidates entered on trials since last G. Synod, likewise an acc^t of annuitants upon the fund, and if any have died, since last Synod, the time to be mentioned, also an acc^t of women now living that have been ministers wives, and are not upon the fund.

Ordered that upon the event of any annuitants death, the Pby in whose bounds, said annuitant lived, do immediately inform Mr Lang that no mistake be made in the distribution of the annuities.

Mr Henry

Ordered that Mr Henry preach to this Synod to morrow morning at nine o'clock and be succeeded in prayer by such members as the Mod^r shall appoint, until eleven o'clock, when open Synod shall begin.

Mr Osborn

Ordered that as Mr Ranken is next in votes to the Mod^r now chosen, and Mr Henry second, Mr Osborn be appointed to preach to the G. Synod the 2^d day of their next meeting, comformable to former regulations, as Mr Ranken hath already preached upon the 2^d day of the Synods meeting, and Mr Henry is to preach to morrow morning.

This Session concluded with prayer.

2^d Session

2^d Session Wednesday, at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer &c.

Mr Henry as appointed preached from 1 Tim : 1: 15.

The Pbys gave in Lists of their members for the sev^l Committees, as also the following reports, namely.

The Pby of Armagh report that being duly certified, that Mr Geo. Kennedy, had studied Philosophy & Divinity the time prescribed by the late regulations of the G. Synod to that purpose, and having in comformity to said regulations, examined him at three different meetings of the Pby, they admitted him on trials, in every [one] of which he acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of the Pby, and on the 20th of March last they licensed him to preach the Gospel. They likewise report Mrs Maxwell died the 23^d March 1773.

Licensed

Dead

Ordained
Not a Contributor
Ordained

Tyrone Pby have ordained Mr Mercer 22^d Decem^r, he is not a subscriber to the widows fund—they have ordained Mr Whiteside the 23^d of said month and Mr Andrew Miller the 15th June Inst. both subscribers to the widows fund—widows on the fund with them are Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Peebles, Mrs Duffin, Mrs Orr—Mrs Rhea not on the fund.

Monaghan Pby have on the fund M^rs McKee, Mrs Algoe, Mrs Clark, Mrs Bond, fam^y Mr Ambrose.

From Derry Pby no return.

Templepatrick Pby report that Mr White died the 14th Augt. 1772 he was a contributor to the fund and left a widow and family—on the fund with them are Mrs Thompson, Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White—not on the fund Mrs Frezer.

Rout Pby have ordained Mr Marshell 18th Augt. 1772 not a contributor to the widows fund, and Mr Caldwell the 1st Sepr. 1772, and Mr Hamilton 8th June Inst., both contributors to the fund, they entered upon trials and licensed Mr Sherard conformable to the late regulations for that purpose. Ordained Not a contributor to ye fund

Bangor Pby have ordd Mr Caldwell the 1st Septemr. 1772, and Mr Adams the 8th Decemr. 1772—both contributors to the fund—they have Mr Orr on 1st trials, Mr Stitt on 2d, they report Mr McKean died the 8th June 1773, he was a contributor to the fund, left a widow and children; Mrs Cochran a widow on the fund died 8th June 1773—on the fund with them are Mrs Malcom, Mrs Buchanan, Mrs Moorhead, Mrs Dickson, Mrs McKean—not on the fund Mrs Moor, Mrs Hastings. Dead

Killylea Pby have ordained Mr Porter 16th June 1773 a subscriber to the fund. They report Mr Kennedy died 18th May 1773 he left a widow and children on the fund; wt them Mrs Scott, Mrs Kennedy. Dead

Dromore Pby ordained Mr Hay 9th March 1773 a subscriber to the fund; on the fund with them are Mrs Gordon, Mrs White, Mrs Semple, Mrs Simms, Mrs Richey, Mrs King, famy Mr Thompson. Ordd

Strabane Pby have on the fund Mrs Armstrong.

Letterkenny Pby report that Mr Holms died 15th May 1773 left no famy. Dead

Ballymena Pby have ordained Mr Speer 23rd Febry 1773 a subscriber to the fund, they report Mr McMullan demitted his charge of Cullybacky the 15th Sepr. 1773, and Mr Logue removed to America 1st 9ber 1772—widows on the fund wt them are Mrs O'Brian, Mrs Hill, Mrs Macurdy, Mrs White, Mrs Cochran, Mrs Brown, not on the fund Mrs Macreight. Ordd

Dublin Pby have on the fund Mrs Moor, Mrs Patten, Mrs Vance.

Upon enquiry it appeared that Messrs Nealson and Delap have made no return to this Synod of the members of the Pby of Monaghan, who observed the order of last G. Synod in attending at Inniskillen the 1st Tuesday in Augt 1772, and of those who did not attend—This Synod cannot but express their disapprobation of these Gentlemen in not complying with the Instructions of last Synod respecting that matter, and defer the consideration of it until next meeting of the G. Synod, at which time they are enjoined to make report according to the Instructions given them. Inniskillen

The Revd Mr Jno. Moodie from the city of Dublin being present was requested to sit as a member of this Synod, and he consented to do so. Mr Jno Moodie

Elezth Brakenridge

It appeared Mr Mulligan made a collection for Elezth. Brakenridge and her disordered sister (daughters of the late Revd Bap: Boyd) and hath given it unto them, and that Messrs Jackson, Carson, and Young have likewise made collections and deposited them with Mr Miller, by him to be given to these poor women. The other members of Monaghan Pby are enjoined by this Synod to make collections as speedily as possible and transmit them by Mr Mulligan to Elezth. Brakenridge and her sister.

Adjourned till 6 o'clock afternoon, this Sessn concluded with prayer.

3d Sessn

3d Session Wednesday at Six o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

Donations to Enniskillen

Upon reading the minutes of last G. Synod respecting Donations for the use of Dissenting congregations within our Bounds, Mr Stoupe reported yt Mrs Cranston near Enniskillen bequeathed an hundred pounds for the benefit of the minr of the dissenting congregn of that place which is now in the hands of James Armstrong Esqr, of Lisgool, the only surviving Exr of her will—that by said Will twelve Trustees were originally appointed to manage the said Bequest, three of whom are only now alive. The present Incumbent, Mr Young hath according to the Tenor of the will, with the consent of the congn filled up the number of Trustees, with the following Gentlemen, viz., Thos Armstrong Esqr, Messrs Leturnell, Hudson, Wm Shaw, Baptist Gamble. Davd Gamble, Davd Whitton, John Armstrong, James Charters, Wm Charters, Alexr Livingstone, Andw McDowell, & Wm Gamble, who, have bound themselves by a mutual bond, to meet twice in the year for the purpose of enquiring whether the Interest be duly paid, whether any of the Trustees be removed from the congn by Death or otherwise, and if so to elect new ones.

There is also a Bequest of thirty pounds for the same purpose now in the hands of the Revd Mr Plunket, of Dublin, managed by the same Trustees in the same manner.

There is also a third bequest of five pounds ℔ ann. by Mr Cranston, to which Lands are subjected, the advantage of which neither the present Incumbent nor any of his predecessors, have enjoyed, tho' a Lawsuit was commenced for the recovery of it, but cou'd not be carried on for want of proper support.

Next Synod

It was proposed and agreed to, that the time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now, the question was put, meet at Antrim or Dunganon, the Roll called, and it carried to meet at Antrim, the last Tuesday in June, 1774. Sermon to begin at five o'clock afternoon.

Foreign preachers

Upon reading an overture passed into a Rule at G. Synod, respecting the admission of Foreign Probationers, into the bounds of this Synod, Mr McDowell requested that the reasons of his Dissent from said Rule might also be read which was agreed to. Several members moved that that Rule ought to be repealed—it was objected to this, that it wou'd be rash to repeal any Synodical Rule, without mature consideration—it was then proposed and agreed to that the question be

put, resume the consideration of that Rule, at this meeting of the Synod or not? the Roll called & it carried resume, by a large majority. Sev[l] spoke for, & many against the continuance of that Rule, and after Reasoning for some time, it was proposed and agreed to, the s[d] Rule shou'd not be repealed, but is not to be so understood, as to make it necessary for such candidates for the ministry to produce credentials before the G. Synod previous, to their preaching in our Bounds, as shall be regularly invited into this Kingdom by any of our Pbys, at the Instance of a vacant congregation.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, Interloq[r]. half-past seven, this session, concluded w[t] prayer.

4th Session Thursday, at ten o'clock forernoon, after prayer, &c.

M[r] Ja[s] Malcom in the name of the Pby of Bangor produced a narative of their proceedings towards Cumber (a congregation in their Bounds), who have fallen into such disputes in their choice of a min[r], as they think extreemly difficult to remove, & therefore refer the determination of that matter to this Synod. Cumber

A supplication from a party in the congregation of Cumber, who call themselves the majority of that congregation, was presented to this Synod by Mess[rs] Jn[o] Dunlop, W[m] Murdoch, & W[m] Brice, &c., wherein they Intreat that M[r] Patten, be appointed to supply that congregation a month or two as soon as possible, or if that he refused, a member of this Synod be appointed to draw up a call & see it subscribed by them to M[r] Patten, & they promise to find sufficient security for sixty five pounds yearly stipend to him. And if it be doubted whether they have the Synod's majority, a member be appointed to poll the cong[n] & be satisfied about that matter—and if these requests shou'd be refused that they shou'd be disanexed from the Pby of Bangor, & put under the care of some other Pby belonging to the G. Synod.

A supplication from another part of that congregation was also presented by Mess[rs] Geo. Gillespie, Rob[t]. Ridle, &c., wherein they set forth that irregular methods had been pursued in obtaining votes by the party that call themselves the majority, for that when the congregation was polled by a member of Bangor Pby M[r] Patten had not the Synod's majority, and to certify this they produced that state of the Poll as taken by M[r] Huey, they therefore pray that the supplication from that party, who call themselves the majority may not be granted, and that their neighbours be ordered to join them in taking a hearing of some other candidates in the choice of one of whom they hope they will happily unite.

It was moved and agreed to that Mess[r] Moodie, Carson, Caldwell, Jackson, White, Osborn, Rankin, and Henry shou'd converse with the Comm[rs] of both parties and use their best endeavours to establish an agreement between, and report the success of their endeavours for that purpose to this Synod.

The Gentlemen appointed to converse with the Comm[r] from Cumber reported they had no success with them. The Parties were

heard for a considerable time and removed. After some reasoning it was proposed that a Committee be appointed to meet at Cumber and use their best endeavours to issue the debates in that Congregation as they shall see cause; to this some objected, and the question was then put, determine now, or appoint a Committee? the Roll called and it carried, determine now. It was next proposed shall the cong^{n} of Cumber be polled again for Mr Patten, the Roll called and it carried, another poll should be taken.

Resolved that Mr Smith from Killelea, Mr Maclure from Dromore and Mr Wright from Templepatrick Pby shall meet at Cumber the 2^{d} Tuesday in Sepr next, Poll that congregation, and report to the Pby of Bangor the issue of that Poll—and it was resolved that the stipend which was cessed upon each seat (during the time of Mr Cuningham's ministry) shall only be counted in making up the majority with respect to money, tho' every person who paid stipend formerly shall be allowed a vote in the election of a minister.

It was likewise agreed that it shou'd be inserted in our records that ye Synod had no intention to cast any reflection upon the Pby of Bangor's conduct towards the Cong^{n} of Cumber, and that it appeared to this Synod a very prudent method which that Pby have taken in refering the debates in Cumber to our determination, and this Synod have appointed Mr Kennedy a Probationer in Pby of Dromore to supply that cong^{n} this month of July, Mr Geo. Kennedy from Armagh Pby the month of Aug^{t}, and Mr Ja^{s} Craford from Templepatrick Pby the first two Lord's days in Sepr immediately before the meeting of this Committee.

Adjourned until five afternoon, this Session concluded with prayer.

5th Sess^{n}. *5th Session Thursday, at five afternoon, after prayer, &c.*

Raphoe

Inquiry was made if the Committee appointed by last G. Synod to meet at Raphoe the 12th day in Augt last past had observed that appointment, and it appeared they did. A copy of their minutes were produced and read, wherein they set forth that they had considered the sev^{l} articles of complaint exhibited against Mr Gordon, and judged his conduct towards the people of Raphoe, in many respects blame worthy, and that the Mod^{r} had rebuked him and admonished him to act more in character for the future—the Committee likewise set forth in their minutes, that by a Complaint from the Pby of Letterkenny w^{c} Mr Gordon cou'd not deny, it appeared to them he had supplied a vacant cong^{n} in the Bounds of that Pby which they judged worthy of admonition, and accordingly their Mod^{r} admonished him for that Irregularity. And whereas the differences between Mr Gordon and his opponents appeared to the Committee to be irreconcilable, they had ordered him to give dismisses to as many as shou'd apply for them—upon paying the arrear stipend due by them, and shou'd he refuse dismisses upon the above condition the people were at liberty to join any other cong^{n} they pleased—In the Committees minutes it was also observed that

Mr Gordon had refused to comply with their resolutions and applyed to this Synod to give Judgment in the affair.

The Committees conduct respecting Mr Gordon & the people of Raphoe was considered & approved by this Synod.

This Synod took into consideration the state of the fund, long since established by our forefathers, for the support of the Gospel in weak congregations, which otherwise must be deprived of that valuable blessing. Synod's Fund

They are sorry to think that a matter of such importance shou'd be neglected, and therefore do earnestly recommend it to every minr within their bounds to promote an annual Contribution for this purpose, and they sincerely hope that the people under their care, will be convinced that they cannot apply their mite in a manner more agreeable to the directions & example of their great Lord & Master, or more conducive to the Interests & ends of his Kingdom, and will look upon this kind of charity as of all others, the most excellent having for its immediate object the happiness of immortial souls, the Synod therefore beseech them to consider what they wou'd have expected from their fellow members of the household of God: had providence placed them in the like situation, and as they wou'd wish to share in the humane & generous liberality of others, even so to do unto them.

A copy of this recommendation to be made out by the Clk of each Pby, & given to the members by them to be read annually in their respective Congregations: and the sevl Pbys are to be called to give an accl at the annual meeting of the G. Synod of their observance of this appointment.

The Committee as appointed met at Carntall the last Tuesday of July 1772 the minutes of which were produced & read, by which it appeared that Mr McNeally had withdrawn his subjection from our Judicatories: an accl of which was transmitted by the Committee in a letter to the Modr of the Pby of Tyrone, to whom the Committee Signified that it was their opinion that the Pby ought to proceed in the Ordination of a minr to the Congregation of Carntall, and that as Mr McNeally did not attend the meetings of the Committee, no inquiry cou'd be made concerning the Bequests made to the widows fund & poor in the parish of Carntall. Cartna

A Joint supplication from Mr Rentoul and the Congregation of Lurgan was presented to this Synod, wherein he Mr Rentoul acknowledges that the Laws of this Synod prescribed for the preservation of order have been transgressed by him, and says that he thought the treatment he then met with from the Pbys with which he had been connected, justified the step which he took, but now says as he is a lover of peace he desires to be recd into this Synod & joined to the Pby of Dromore, or to such other Pby as the Synod shall think proper, and the congregation of Lurgan acknowledge the step which they took was precipitate, & pray that it may be overlooked & they recd again under the care of this Synod, & that they and Mr Rentoul may be put under the care of any Pby this Synod think proper. Mr Rentoul

Ordered that Messrs Moodie, Osborn, Caldwell, & Bankhead, take Mr Rentoul's supplication under their consideration, & report their opinion of it to this Synod. The Gentlemen appointed to consider Mr Rentouls supplication, gave it as their opinion that in lenity to him his acknowledgements shou'd be sustained. Mr Rentoul appeared & produced credentials of his ordination from the Pby of Elgine in North Britain, after some reasoning Mr Rentoul was asked if he acknowledged that the supplication given to this Synod signed by his name to be his, he said he did acknowledge it, he was then asked if he was willing to acknowledge that he was sorry for transgressing the Laws of this Synod, prescribed for preserving order, he replied that his supplication to the Synod contained his sentiments an that head, that nothing but necessity wou'd make him preserve, and then withdrew from the Synod house.

Adjourned until tomorrow at ten o'clock, Interloq^r at 7, concluded w^t prayer.

6th Session

6th Session Friday, at ten o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

It was proposed & agreed to that Mr Rentoul's acknowledgement shou'd be again taken into consideration—some members observed that his withdrawing from the Synod house (at last session), in the circumstances he was then placed, was not designed to show any disrespect to this Synod, but thro' accident, for that he was just returning, as the Synod adjourned. Mr Rentoul appeared, made the same declaration, & also acknowledged he was sorry he had transgressed the Rules of this Synod, and promised that he wou'd be subject to the Judicatories & conform to the discipline of this Church, as other members of it do, provided he be admitted as a member of it. The Synod satisfied with this acknowledgment & submission, agree to receive Mr Rentoul as a member, provided always that upon writing to the Pby of Elgine we find they give a satisfying acc^t of the means and by what certificate they were induced to ordain him.

The Pby of Armagh made it their unanimous request that Mr Rentoul, be not joined to them, but to some other Pby belonging to this Synod. This granted.

Mr Rentoul being received on the above terms into this Synod, he & ye congregation of Lurgan were subjected to the care of Dromore Pby, and that Pby enjoyned to write in the name of the G. Synod, to the Pby of Elgine in North Britain, as before resolved, and Mr Rentoul is to be Installed in the congreg^n of Lurgan, by the Pby of Dromore, as soon as they shall see cause.

Tullylish

The congregation of Tullylish supplicated this Synod that they be allowed liberty to apply, thro' their Pby, to any other Pby in the bounds of this Synod for supplies, until next meeting of the G. Synod—This granted.

Mr Gordon

Mr Gordon informed this Synod, that he had thoughts of removing to America, and begged a committee from the G. Synod might be appointed to assist him in setling accompt^s, with his congregation, and to give him credentials.

Mr Gordon was allowed to apply to some of his neighbouring Pbys (as ordered at the meeting of the Genl Synod in 1770), for assistance in regulating matters, between him and his congregation, and the Pbys to whom he shall apply are hereby enjoined to appoint some of their members to meet & give Mr Gordon assistance, and credentials as they shall see cause.

Mr McNeally produced a supplication, praying to be relieved from the sentence of suspension passed upon him by the Pby of Tyrone, and confirmed by the Synod's Committee. This Synod cou'd not enter upon the consideration of Mr McNeally's supplication, but refered it to next G. Synod. Mr M'Neally

Mr Jos. McNeally a Probationer in the Pby of Letterkenny complained to this Synod that the Congn of Carntall had given him no compensation for preaching to them (by advice of Tyrone Pby), Six Lord's days & assisting at two sacraments, and prayed this Synod to give him relief as they shall see cause.

Ordered that the congregation of Carntall be enjoined & accordingly are hereby enjoined to pay said Mr McNeally, for these days he preached to them. A copy of this minute to be produced to that congn by the complainant.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st *Interloqr*. 1st Interloqr

At an Interloqr consisting of the Genl Synod and Pby of Antrim, it was proposed and agreed to, that as the deducting 40s annually out of the R:D: for the widows fund on acct of every vacant congregation, is attended with some difficulty, Mr Lang is enjoined by our Clerk to pay only 40s out of the R:D: of every minr a contributor to the fund, and over and above that sum £4 : 12s : for the first year after the ordination of every subscriber to the fund—this resolution respecting the 40s for every vacant congregation to be reconsidered at next G. Synod.

Inquiry was made if Mr Lang had conformed to the Synod's Instructions respecting the payment of annuities, and it appeared he had not for that Mrs Cherry had not received her annuity. Mr Lang

The Interloqr dissatisfied that Mr Lang shou'd treat their directions wt such disrespect, resolved that Messrs Bryson, Craford and Jackson shall prepare the draught of a letter for Mr Lang 'gainst next Interloqr, wherein they are to signifie to him that it is the determined sense of the Contributors to the widows fund that the annuities arising from that fund be paid without regard to any other acctts whatever, and particularly that Mrs Cherry be pd before the 1st of October next.

2d *Interloqr*. 2d Interloqr

Messrs Jackson, Craford and Bryson Brought in the draught of a letter for Mr Lang which was read and with some alterations approved and signed by ye Modr.

Certificate to annuitants

Resolved that after this year no annuity be p^{d} by Mr Lang until he receive a certificate of the annuitant's being alive from a neighbouring min^{r} where the annuitant resides.

Widows' fund

A letter from the Trustees of the widows fund was read, by which it appears that the present amount of that fund is £8884 19 10½, and that in consequence of a Resolution entered into by the contributors met at Magharafelt the 2^{d} of Feb^{ry} last they lent £7600 of the Capital of the fund to Ld Antrim which the Trustees, by advice of Lawyers of eminence thought was very well secured, that Messrs Robt Stewart, Jno. Cromie, and David McBride, were the Trustees named in the Deeds, and that as soon as the necessary Deeds for declaring their Trust can be prepared, they will be properly executed. The Trustees likewise propose Robt Stewart Esqr, Wm Dunn Esq, and Mr Wm Colvill as proper persons to be added to the number of our Trustees, Messrs McKay, White and Strong, to answer the Trustees letter and signify to them that we approve of the gentlemen they mention to the Trust.

Maghrafelt Protest

The minutes of the Constituents of the fund who met at Magharafelt were read, and Messrs Bryson and Wilson's reasons of protest against the resolution at Magharafelt were likewise read, which they desired shou'd be entered into the widows fund Book.

3^{d} Interloq.

3^{d} *Interloq^{r}.*

The Gentlemen appointed to write to the Trustees brought in the Draught of a letter, w^{c} was read and approved and signed by the Mod^{r}.

It was proposed that an addition be made to the annuities arising from our fund—the sev^{l} Pbys are requested to take this matter into serious consideration until next meeting of the G. Synod, when this matter will be reconsidered.

Some members proposed that each Pby shou'd be furnished with a Copy of all transactions relating to the widows fund.

Widows fund Book

Resolved that each Pby shall have a Copy of the widows fund Book by applying to the Clerk of the Synod and paying him for his trouble in transcribing it.

Inserted by

WILL. RODGERS, G.S. Clk.

July 30th, 1773.

Antrim, 28th *June* 1774.

Mr Campbell Modr of former Synod opened this by preaching from Mat. 28 & later clause of ver. 20th then constituted by prayer, after which appeared from the sevl Pbys as followeth.

Minrs.	Elders.
Dublin Pby.	
James Caldwell	Mr Robt. Stewart
Monaghan Pby.	
Hu. Mulligan	
Geo. Harris	
Tyrone Pby.	
Jas. Todd	
Jno. White	Jno. Waters
Wm. Kennedy	
Jno. M'Clelland	
Wm. Willson	Mr. Barefoot
Geo. Murray	Mr. Edwd Patterson
Alexr. Mercer	
Jas. Whiteside, Junr.	
Killelea Pby.	
Robt. Smith	
Jos. Little	
Wm. Steel Dickson	Wm. Park
Armagh Pby.	
Henry Jackson	
Wm. Campbell	
Saml. Livingston	
Robt. Dickson	
Strabane Pby.	
Jos. Osborn	
Wm. Craford	
Derry Pby.	
Andw. Ferguson	
Saml. Patten	
Jno. Adams	James M'Cully
Templepatrick Pby.	
Thos. Craford	Jas. Cuningham
Wm. Henderson	
Jno. Lewson	Archd. Tweed
Wm. Rodgers	
Jno. Wright	Pat. Gamble
Thos. Read	Mr. Jas. Read

Minrs.	Elders.
Templepatrick Pby.	
Wm. Montgomery	
Jno. Bankhead	
Isaac Coane	Jno. Nesmith
Wm. Blakely	
Andw. Munce	Jno. Campbell
Dromore Pby.	
Wm. Henry	
Isaac Patrick	
Robt. M'Clure	Mr. Semple
Saml. Barbar	
Jas. Birch	Saml. Sprote
Jno. Thompson	Allen M'Rea
Jos. Hay	
Robt. Rentoul	Mr. Jno. Simms
Bangor Pby.	
Saml. Alexander	
Jas. Huey	
Jos. Kinkead	Robt. Loggan
Jos. Mitchell	
Wm. Rowan	
Jas. Hull	Jas. Johnstone
Jno. King	Jno. Simms
Jas. Cochran	Thos. Johnstone
Jas. Bryson	
Jas. Stoupe	Henry Chambers
Jas. Caldwell	
Jno. Adams	
Saml. Martin	
Stephenson	Thos. M'Cully
Letterkenny Pby.	
Ben. M'Dowell	
Rout Pby.	
David Smylie	Geo. Glover
Gideon Neilson	
Robt. Henry	
Jno. Simson	Wm. Hunter
Jno. Camron	
Jno. Abernethy	Wm. Meek
Alexr. Marshall	

Minrs.	Elders.	Minrs.	Elders.
Ballymena Pby.			
Jas. White	Wm. Lynd		
Jno. Ranken	Docr. Macormick		
Chas. Brown			
Jas. Cuming	Jno. Ker		
Robt. Scott			
Jno. Lyndsay			
Alex. Speer			
Robt. Christy	Jno. Dickey		
David Park	Jno. Macomb		

Mod^r chosen

Mr Campbell moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, the following brethren were named as a leet—Messrs Mulligan, Kennedy, Smith, Livingstone, Osborn, Patten, Lewson, McClure, Kinkead, McDowell, Neilson and Ranken—the Roll called and Mr Ranken chosen Mr Rodgers continued clerk.

Clk

Pbys to meet

Ordered that the sev^l Pbys meet this evening and prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod tomorrow morning of their members for the sev^l Committees of overtures. Bills, Books, fund and G. Synod's fixed Committee, as also, an acc^t of such min^rs as have died, been ordained, Installed, Candidates licensed or entered on trials since last G. Synod.

Annuitants

Ordered that upon the event of any annuitant's death the Pby in whose bounds s^d annuitant lived do immediately inform Mr Lang, that no mistake be made in the distribution of the annuities.

Mr Osborn

Ordered that Mr Osborn preach to this Synod tomorrow morning at nine o'clock and be succeeded in prayer by such members as the Mod^r shall appoint until Eleven o'clock, when open Synod shall begin.

Mr Osborn

Ordered that as Mr Osborn is next in votes to ye Mod^r now chosen and Mr Lewson second, Mr Lewson be appointed to preach to this Synod the second day of their next meeting at nine o'clock forenoon comformable to former regulations. This session concluded w^t prayer.

2^d Session Wednesday at Eleven o'clock forenoon after prayer, &c.

Mr Osborn as appointed preached from Mat. 22 : 27, the appointment for prayer was observed.

The Pbys gave in lists of their members for the sev^l Committees, as also the following acc^ts, namely:—

Ord^d

The Pby Derry ordained Mr Patten 20th Augt 1773, and Mr Adams 18th May 1774, both subscribers to the widows fund—they entered Mr Allen on trials: they report that Mr Hood died the 21st Ins^t. he left a widow and children.

Trials
Dead

Dead

Monaghan Pby report that Mr Warnock died the 23^d June Inst. he left a widow & children.

Letterkenny Pby have entered Mr Conv Smith on 1st trials.

Dromore Pby have Installed Mr Robt Rentoul at Lurgan Sepr 26th. he subscribed the confession of faith, but not the widows fund. Installed Mr Rentoul

Bangor Pby ordained Mr Mar: Stephenson 20th June Instt. he subscribed the widows fund, they report Mr Walker died the 20th Janry 1774, he left children only. Ordd Dead

Ballymena Pby ordained Mr David Park 26th July 1773, and Mr Robt Christy 17th Augt 1773, both subscribers to the widows fund.

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee as as followeth :— Synod's Committee

For Dublin Pby Messrs Killburn and Caldwell with an Elder.

Monaghan Messrs Mulligan & Hamilton with an Elder.

Tyrone Messrs Caldwell & White with an Elder.

Killelea Messrs Smith & Strong with an Elder.

Armagh Messrs Moody & Campbell with an Elder.

Strabane Messrs Osborn & Craford with an Elder.

Derry Messrs Ferguson & Knox with an Elder.

Letterkenny Messrs Holms & Alexander with an Elder.

Temblepatrick Messrs Lewson & Read with an Elder.

Dromore Pby Messrs Henry & Patrick with an Elder.

Bangor Messrs Huey & Hull with an Elder.

Ballymena Pby Messrs Cuming & Lyndsay & an Elder.

These with our Modr & Clerk are to meet at Dungannon when called upon by the Modr on any emergency, 15 to be a quorum, wherof 12 at least are to be minrs.

Ordered that a member in each Pby be appointed to inform the Clerk of the Synod (as speedily as may be) or at farthest against the 1st of Augt of the annuitants upon the fund in their respective bounds, and also of the women now living that have been minrs wives, and the following members are to make the returns for the present year—for Dublin Pby, Mr Caldwell, for Monaghan, Mr Mulligan, for Tyrone, Mr White, for Killelea, Mr Smith, for Derry, Mr Ferguson, for Letterkenny, Mr Alexander, for Strabane, Mr Craford, for Armagh, Mr Campbell, for Templepatrick, Mr Rodgers, for Dromore Mr Henry, for Bangor, Mr Hull, for Ballymena, Mr Cuming, for Rout, Mr Simson, for Antrim Pby, Mr McKay, and these members are to make the like returns annually. Returns of Annuitants

The sevl Pbys were called to give an acct of the success which the recommendation of the last Synod met with, respecting the payment of the fund, for the support of the Gospel in poor congregations, within the Bounds of the G. Synod, and it appeared the recommendation hath not been universally attended to. Synod's fund

Resolved that the recommendation be renewed, & that each Pby be enjoined, and accordingly is hereby enjoined to be punctual in

observing it, and to contribute to the support of the min^{r} committed to their care, and it was particularly recommended to the Pby of Monaghan, that they be very attentive to the support of Mr Sprate, who is said to be in very indigent circumstances, the further consideration of this affair recommended to the Committee of ye fund.

It was proposed & agreed to that the time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now. The question was put meet at Lurgan or Antrim : the Roll was called and it carried to meet at Antrim the last tuesday in June 1775, sermon to begin 5 o'clock afternoon.

The sev^{l} committees ordered to meet immediately. Adjourned until four o'clock afternoon, this session concluded with prayer.

3^{d} Session Wednesday, at four o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.

Cumber

Inquiry was made if the committee met at Cumber as appointed, and it appeared they did, the minutes of that committee were produced and are as followeth.

" Sepr 14th 1773, Messrs Smith, Wright, & Maclaine met at Cumber according to the appointment of last G. Synod, and after reading the minute relative to that affair, they were unanimously of opinion, that the Intention of the direction given them was, that the stipend formerly p^{d} Mr Cuningham was to be considered as the majority in money, & that according to the order among dissenters in polling Cong^{ns} undersitters are not to be considered as entitled to a vote. The Synod's Committee called for the Roll of the Cong^{n}, which they compared with the Committee book of the house, & found that it differed in almost every return.

The minority complained that they had not access to the Committee Book, tho' they applied for it, in order that a just return might be made to Poll the cong^{n} by, & therefore objected to the Poll, the committee from the Temper that seemed to prevail among the people thought it best to proceed to Poll the cong^{n} by the Poll returned to them, but in the course of the Poll, they found the list very Imperfect & contrary to the Committee Book, from whence it is said to be extracted & the stipend, as will appear by the Poll exceeded in many Instances the rate of the seats—according to the Poll taken.

For Mr Patten	229, money	£33 : 0 : 4½
Not for him	43, money	12 : 9 : 3½

The Committees conduct was approved.

Bangor Pby

Bangor Pby were desired to inform this Synod, what they had done relative to Cumber congregation; the minutes of that Pby were read by which it appeared, they did not sustain the Poll taken by the Synods Committee as ascertaining the majority to be in favour of Mr Patten, and the reason they assigned was, that it appeared to them that the lists wite which the Committee were furnished for polling the Congregation, were very imperfect, therefore the Poll ought not to be sustained.

An appeal from the sentence of the Pby of Bangor & also from the determination of the Subsynod of Belfast, with the reasons of appeal were produced to this Synod by Messrs Willm Murdoch, Ja^{s} Dunlap, &c., Commissioners, wherein they set forth that they think themselves agrieved by the sentence of the Pby of Bangor & Subsynod of Belfast in not allowing them to give a call to Mr Patten, as there is in their estimation a great majority in his favour, and pray this Synod wou'd give them Releif—from another party in Cumber congregation appeared Mess^{rt} Gillespy, Andrews, & Macoughtry, Comm^{rs}, who produced a supplication signed by a great number, wherein they remonstrated against Mr Patten receiving a Call from that cong^{n}, as they think such a measure wou'd have a tendency to impose a min^{r} upon them, which they wou'd not wish to do to their neighbours, and pray that this Synod wou'd not Countenance that party that call themselves the majority in this attempt. Appeal

The parties being heard, it was agreed that the farther consideration of this affair be postponed until next sed^{t}.

Adjourned until 12 o'clock tomorrow. Interloq^{r} at 8. This Session concluded with prayer.

4th Session Thursday at 12 o'clock, after prayer, &c.

It was proposed by the Committee of the fund that Mr King shou'd be committed to the care of Derry Pby, & Mr Sprate to Strabane; this agreed to. Mr King Mr Sprate

The Synod proceeded to the farther consideration of the supplication from Cumber, the commissioners of both parties were called & asked if they had anything new to add, they replied they had not, after some reasoning it was agreed that the question be put, shall the supplication from Cumber for having a Call presented to Mr Patten be granted or not? The Roll called & it carried by a great majority, that it be granted. Cumber

M^{r} McDowell in the name of the Cong^{n} of Taghboine supplicated this Synod that it be recommened to the Pby of Letterkenny to appoint one of their members to write to the Pby of Elgine in North Britain, for a month's hearing of Mr Farkwhar, a Probationer in their bounds. Resolved that it be recommended to the Pby of Letterkenny to write as above, and they are enjoined to meet for that purpose the 2^{d} Wednesday in July next. Taghboine

The Pby of Bangor informed this Synod that Saintfield a cong^{n} in their bounds had applyed thro' them to the Pby of Dromore for a month's hearing of Mr Birch, a member of that Pby, and the Pby of Dromore refered that supplication to this Synod. The supplication of Saintfield cong^{n} granted so far that Mr Birch is appointed to supply that Cong^{n} the two last Lord's days in July next. St. field

The Pby of Bangor requested that the following Brethren, viz.—Messrs Ferguson, Campbell, Caldwell, White, McDowell, Osborn, & Bankhead, be allowed to converse with them for some time in the Vestry. This granted.

Elizth Brakenridge

Mr Mulligan was enjoined to use his best endeavours to influence the Pby of Monaghan to make a collection in their respective congregations for the relief of Elizth Brakenridge & her distressed sister (daughters of the late Revd Bapt. Boyd), and the Synod will be under the disagreeable necessity of expressing their disapprobation of any minr in that Pby (if any shou'd be) who shall neglect to make a collection for so charitable a purpose.

Ralphisland

The congregation of Ralphisland presented an appeal to this Synod, from the sentence of the Pby of Dromore, in allowing Robt Boyd, Sam' Knox, Hu: Thompson, & two others to become members of the congregation of Ballyroney and to desert their society—the reasons of appeal were read and are *in retentis*. Ansrs to the reasons from the Pby of Dromore were also read, and are likewise *in retentis*. Resolved that it be recommended to every Pby in the bounds of the G. Synod, that they be particularly cautious in not Dismembering any congn within their respective bounds—but as we hope and believe the Pby of Dromore had sufficient reason for granting the liberty to the above named persons, which they applyed for, we approve of their sentence.

Bangor Pby

The Committee appointed to converse with the Pby of Bangor, report that the following members of that Pby—Messrs Robt Cuningham, Sam' Alexander, Jas Huey, Wm Laird, Jos. Kinkead, and Jno. King, request to be erected into a Pby by the name of the Presbytery of Belfast, and the rest of their Brethren acquiesced, and that such other members of ye Pby Bangor and such Probationers and vacant congns as shall chuse, and the Pby of Belfast approve, may join said Pby. The above request granted.

Adjourned until seven o'clock afternoon. Interloqr at 5, ys Sessn concluded with prayer.

[5th *Session.*]

Cumber

A supplication from that part of the congregation of Cumber called the minority, was presented to this Synod by Messrs Gillespy, Andrews, & Macoughtry, wherein they requested to be erected into a distinct congregation, immediately after reading the above supplication information was given to this Synod that Mr Patten declared he wou'd not be farther concerned with the Congregation of Cumber, upon this declaration the above supplication was withdrawn.

Mr Bankhead

It was proposed by the parties from Cumber that Mr Bankhead might be appointed to supply that Congregation four Lord's days in July next, this granted, & Mr Bankhead appointed to supply Cumber congregation all the month of July except the first Lord's day, & Mr Bankhead's congregation is to be supplied the 2d Lord's day in July by Mr Miller, the 3d by Mr Read, both from Ballymena Pby, & the other two days by the probationers in Templepatrick Pby.

It was proposed & agreed to that the Congregation of Cumber be not annexed to any Pby, but continue under the immediate care of the G. Synod, until they agree in their choice of a minr, or until next meeting of the G. Synod; and it was further resolved that the Pby of

Dromore shall be enjoined, & accordingly are hereby enjoined to meet (upon application made to them by the people of Cumber), to Poll that congregation, preside in seeing a Call subscribed, inviting such suppliers as they shall ask, & in doing every office of a Pby to them, until next meeting of the G. Synod, or until a min^{r} be fixed among them as their minister, & they are at liberty to join any Pby they shall choose.

A motion was made & agreed to that every vacant congregation within the bounds of the G. Synod, upon applying for the hearing of a candidate w^{t} an intention to give him a call, shall make out a full list of all the members of their Cong^{n}, with the stipend which each individual annually paid annexed to his name, that disputes may be prevented, in case the congregation, shou'd be polled; this List to be read publickly to the whole congregation, & deposited in the hands of ye Pby, and the people of Cumber are strictly enjoined to conform to this appointment. Lists of ye names of people in vacant Cong^{n}

Adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow. Interloq^{r} at 8; ye Session concluded w^{t} prayer.

Sixth Session Friday at eleven o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c.

Mr McNeilly appeared & prayed this Synod be pleased to relieve him from the suspension imposed upon him by the Pby of Tyrone, and afterwards confirmed by the G. Synod's Committee. Mr McNeilly

Ordered that a Committee of the following members, viz,—Messrs Hamilton, Young, & Harris from the Pby Monaghan; Messrs Osborn, Neilson, & Craford from Strabane; Messrs Scott & Cuming from Ballymena; Messrs Jackson & Livingstone from Armagh Pby: Messrs Mercer & Whiteside from Tyrone Pby; Mr Adams from Derry, & Mr Rentoul from Dromore Pby, shall meet with their Elders (5 min^{rs} & three Elders to be a quorum) at Dungan[on] the 2^{d} Tuesday in Augt next who are to consider and finally issue this affair, and Messrs Mulligan, Campbel & Delap, together with the Pby of Tyrone, are to attend said Committee not as judges, but to give what light they can in this affair, Mr Mercer to inform the members of this appointment.

It was proposed & agreed to that the Pby of Templepatrick, with Messrs Ranken & Cuming, Ballymena, & Mr Thomson from Dromore Pby, shall meet at Dunagor the first Tuesday in August nex^{t}, take M^{r} McCraken's conduct under consideration, & treat him as they shall see cause, of this appointment M^{r} McCraken is to be informed by Mr Bankhead that he may attend, and if he does not attend he is to be treated for that contempt as the Pby and Correspondents shall judge proper; the Pby of Strabane are to inform the Pby of Templepatrick and Correspondents how M^{r} McCraken behaved when a member with them. Mr McCraken

The Mod^{r} concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st *Interloq^{r}.*

At an Interloq^{r} consisting of the G. Synod & Pby Antrim, Inquiry was made if Mr Lang had conformed to the Instructions of last year's Interloq^{r} in paying Mrs Cherry's annuity, and it appeared he Mr Lang

had not. Mr Caldwell informed the Interloqr he had conversed with Mr Lang upon the affair, and that he told him he was very desirous to leave the whole affair in Debate between Mrs Cherry and him to the determination of any Gentlemen that might be appointed for that purpose, Mr Lang in a letter to Mr Campbell expressed the same desire, and Intreats it may be complyed with for the vindication of his character.

Resolved that Mr Lang's request be complyed with, and Mrs Cherry and he are to chose two or more arbitrators, whose Judgment shall finally determine the matter in debate between them, and this to be done before the 1st November next.

Widows fund £8980 2 8

A letter from the Trustees of the widows fund was read, by which it appeared that the present amount of that fund is £8980 : 2 : 8. they refer the constituents of the fund to Mr Lang's letter, wrote by their order, wherein an acct is given of the lands mortaged by Ld Antrim for the money lent & payment of the Interest; also that the Gentlemen Trustees who transacted the affair of the Loan with Ld Antrim have declared their Trust & this declaration of trust and all other deeds relative to the Loan are duely registered.

Minrs that go abroad

It was proposed that any minister or ministers who find it necessary to remove themselves and families from this to any other Kingdom shall have the subscription money they pd into the widows fund refunded them. The above proposal was considered & after some reasoning, the question was put, refund or not ? the Roll called & it carried unanimously, refund—it was proposed & unanimously agreed to that this resolution shou'd extend to such as have already removed & have not recd sufficient compensation for the money they pd into yt fund.

Resolved that the Pby In whose bounds any minister or ministers have resided, or do reside, who have removed or may hereafter remove to another Kingdom, shall direct the Trustees Secretary, to remit the subscriptn money be refunded to some one member of that Pby who (under the direction of the Pby) is to forward it immediately to the individuals for whom it is intended.

2d Interloqr.

Mr McCollum

A Letter from Mr McCollum directed to our Modr was read, wherein he complains of Injustice in not allowing him any part of the R.D. since he had not a congn, & that his being discontinued to share that Bounty hath struck of his subscription to the widows fund, and thereby his wife and family are to be deprived of the benefit of it, into which he pd a considerable sum of money, & requests this Synod wou'd see Justice done him.

After considering this matter & reasoning upon it, the question was put, allow Mr McCollum to become a subscriber to the widows fund or not ? The Roll called & it carried in the negative, it was next proposed shall Mr McCollum be refunded the subscription money he pd into the widows fund, & it was unanimously agreed he shou'd be re-

funded; this resolution is not to extend to others who relinquish their congregations (if able to do the duties of their office) & live in the Kingdom.

The Mod^{r} is to answer M^{r} McCollum's letter & inform him that the subscription money he p^{d} into the widows fund, shall be remitted to the Pby in whose bounds he resides, and upon payment of the money to him, he is to give a full release in due form of Law for all claims & demands upon the G. Synod, & if he refuseth to perfect such a release, the Pby is to detain the money.

It was proposed that the annuitaants upon the fund shou'd be placed in different classes—the consideration of this refered to the constituents of the fund until next meeting of the G. Synod

Ordered that Messrs Makay & Campble answer the Trustees letter and request them to order their Secretary to inform next Synod in whose hands & upon what security that part of the fund is placed that is not lent to Lord Antrim, & that he be instructed to give the like information annually.

Inserted by

WILL RODGERS, G:S:C.

July 29th.

Antrim, 27th June, 1775.

Mr Ranken Modr of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Tit. 2 : 15. then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the sevl Pbys as followeth.

Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan Pby.	
Geo. Harris	
Jno. Davis	
Tyrone Pby.	
James Todd	
Jno. White	Wm. Chambers
Wm. Kennedy	
Jno. M'Clelland	
Wm. Wilson	Wm. Dunlop
Killilea Pby.	
Alexr. Macomb	Jno. Gray
Robt. Smith	
Wm. Steel Dickson	
Armagh Pby.	
Hen. Jackson	
Wm. Campbel	
Saml. Livingstone	
Strabane Pby.	
Wm. Craford	
Derry Pby. none	
Templepatrick Pby.	
Thos. Craford	Jas. Cuningham
Wm. Henderson	
Jno. Lewson	And. Tweed
Wm. Rodgers	
Jno. Wright	Robt. Gamble
Thos. Read	
Wm. Montgomery	
Jno. Bankhead	Roger Kerely
Jno. Abernethy	Wm. Meek
Jno. M'Auly	
Wm. Blakely	
Andw. Hume	Jno. Campbell

Minrs.	Elders.
Bangor Pby.	
Wm. Rowan	
Jas. Hull	
Jas. Cochran	
Jas. Bryson	
Jas. Caldwell	
Saml. Martin	
Stephenson	Thos. M'Culloch
Dromore Pby.	
Alexr. Neilson	
Wm. Henry	
Saml. Barbar	Wm. Rainy
Jas. Birch	Thos. Birch
Jno. Thompson	Saml. Dunlap
Robt. Rentoul	
Jno. Sherard	
Belfast Pby.	
Jas. Huey	
Wm. Laird	
Saml. Patten	
Letterkenny Pby.	
Andw. Alexander	
Ben. M'Dowell	
Frans. Turretine	
Rout Pby.	
Gideon Neilson	
Robt. Henry	
Jno. Camron	
Wm. Knox	Saml. Ranken
Alexr. Marshel	
Robt. Caldwell	
Ballymena Pby.	
Jas. White	Thos. Hill
Jno. Rankin	Jas. Cleghorn
Chas. Brown	
Jos. Douglass	
Jno. Lyndsay	
Robt. Christy	Jno. Dickey
Jno. Brown	Jas. Maxwell

Mr Ranken moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod, the following Brethren were named as a leet: Messrs Harris, McClelland, Dickson, Craford, Lewson, Barbar, Rowan, McDowell, Neilson, White, & Hen: Jackson. The Roll called & Mr Jackson chosen. Mr Rodgers continued Clerk. Modr chosen Clerk

Ordered that the sevl Pbys meet this evening & prepare lists of their members to be given to the Clerk of Synod tomorrow morning for the sevl Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, fund & G. Synod's fixed Committee, as also an acct of such minrs. as have died, been ordained, Installed, Candidates, licensed, or entered on trials since last G. Synod.

Ordered that upon the event of any annuitant's death, the Pby in whose bounds said annuitant lived do immediately inform Mr Lang, that no mistake be made in the distribution of the annuities. Annuitant's Death

Ordered that Mr Lewson preach to this Synod tomorrow morning at nine o'clock, and be succeeded in prayer until eleven, when open Synod shall begin, by such members as the Modr shall then appoint. Mr Lewson

Ordered that as Mr Lewson is next in votes to the Modr now chosen & Mr Gideon Neilson second, Mr Neilson be appointed to preach to this Synod the second day of their next meeting at nine o'Clock forenoon, according to former regulations. Mr Gideon Neilson

This Session concluded with prayer.

2d Session Wednesday at Eleven o'clock forenoon.

Mr Lewson preached from Luk: 9: 55—the appointment for prayer was observed.

The Pbys gave in lists of their members for the sevl Committees, as also the following accts:—

Monaghan Pby ordained Mr Davis at Castleblainy 13th Decemr 1774, he is a Contributor to the widows fund—widows on the fund wt them are Mrs Clark, Mrs McKee, Mrs Algeo, Mrs Bond, Mrs Warnock. Ordd

Dublin Pby have on the fund Mrs Patten, Mrs McBeth, Mrs Vance.

Tyrone Pby have entered on trials Mr Trimmell. On the fund with them are Mrs Orr, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Peebles, Mrs Duffin. Trials

Killilea Pby have on the fund Mrs Fergie, famy Mr Scott, Mrs Kennedy.

Armagh Pby have on the fund Mrs Cherrie, Mrs Johnston, Mrs Menagh.

Strabane Pby have on the fund Mrs Armstrong.

Derry Pby have on the fund Mrs Murray, Mrs Strabridge, Mrs Cochran, Mrs Lyle, Mrs Walker, Mr Hare, Mrs Hood.

Templepatrick Pby Installed Mr Abernethy at Templepatrick 12th Augt 1774. Mrs Thompson a widow on the fund with them died the 27th March 1775. On the fund with them are Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White. Installed

Licensed

Dromore Pby licensed Mr Thos Birch, being certified & examined, according to the late regulations, he subscribed the W. M: Confession of faith; they ordained Mr Sherard at Tullylish 8th Novemr 1774, he subscribed the Confession of faith, and is a contributor to the widows fund. On the fund with them are Mrs White, Mrs Semple, Mrs Gordon, Mrs Simms, Mrs Richey.

Ordd

Bangor Pby have ordained Mr Kennedy at Lisburn the 15th February 1775. he is a Contributor to the widows fund. They report that Mr Mitchel died the 5th 8ber—74. he was a contributor to the widows fund and left a widow & children. On the fund with them are Mrs Buchanan, Mrs Warnock, Mrs Dickson, Mrs Mitchell. Mrs Moorhead died 15th Feby 1775.

A widow dead

Installed
Ordd

Belfast Pby have Installed Mr Patten at Monyrea 9th Augt 1774, they ordained Mr Henry at Castlereagh 13th Decemr 1774. he subscribed the widows fund, both subscribed the W: M: Confession of faith. On the fund with them Mrs Malcom, Mrs McKean, famy Mr Walker.

Licensed
Ordd

Letterkenny Pby have licensed Mr Smith according to the late regulations, they ordd Mr Turretine at Ray 18th Janry—75, he is a contributor to the widows fund, both subscribed the Confession of faith. On ye fund with them Mrs Turretine, famy Mr Boyd.

Licensed

Rout Pby have licensed Mr Thos. Lyle according to the late regulations. On the fund with them Mrs Lynd, Mrs Gaston, Mrs Smylie, Mrs Thompson.

Mr Brown not a contributor to the widows fund

Ballymena Pby have ordained Mr Brown, at Conor ye 27th Feby 1775. he is not a contributor to the widows fund. On the fund with them are Mrs O'Bryan, Mrs McCurdy, Mrs White, Mrs Hill, famy Mr Higginbothom, Mrs Cochran, Mrs Brown; not on the fund, Mrs McCreight.

The members of the Synod's fixed Committee the same as in the year past.

It was observed that the members appointed at last G. Synod to make Returns to the Clerk of this Synod of the annuitants upon the fund, and also of the women now living that have been minrs wives, & are not upon the fund have not generally observed that appointment.

Returns of Annuitants

Ordered therefore that a return be made by a member in each Pby at next sedt.

Next Synod

Resolved that the time & place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now, Lurgan, Antrim, Dunganon and Armagh were named as a leet, the Roll called & it carried to meet at Armagh, the last tuesday in June 1776. Sermon to begin five o'clock afternoon.

Pby Letterkenny

Inquiry was made if the Recommendation of last G. Synod had been observed by the Pby of Letterkenny, in appointing one of their members to write to the Pby of Elgine in North Britain, for Mr Farkwhar to preach to the congregation of Taghboin, four Lord's days, and it appeared they did not order any of their members to write as above. After some reasoning, upon this affair Information was given the Synod

that Mr Davison from Scotland was expected at Taghboin, in order that he may be appointed by some Pby belonging to the G. Synod to supply that Congregation for some time. Resolved that if said Gentleman comes to this Synod or to any Pby belonging to it, & exhibits satisfying Credentials he & the people of Taghboin are to be taken under the care of the Pby Derry or any other Pby belonging to this Synod they shall chuse, & be appointed to supply the Congn of Taghboin the time they shall desire or as long as may be convenient to him—of this appointment that Congregn are to be informed by a letter which Messrs Huey & Campbell are enjoined to write them, and in which they are to recommend to that Congregation a peaceable & condescending temper of mind & a due regard to good order in the dissenting church.

The sevl Committees are ordered to meet immediately. Adjourned until 5 o'clock afternoon. This session concluded with prayer.

3d *Session Wednesday at five o'clock afternoon, after prayer, &c.*

This Synod were informed that Elezth Brakenridge & her disordered sister, (daughters of the late Revd Bapt Boyd) are still in very indigent & distressing circumstances. Elezth Brakenridge

Resolved that it be recommended, and accordingly it is hereby warmly recommended to the Pby Tyrone to make a Collection in each of their congregations, as speedily as may be, for the relief of these distressed women, & be deposited with Mr Miller to be given to them.

The Committee's minutes which met at Dungannon the 2d tuesday in Augt last were produced and read, by which it appeared that Mr McNeilly was continued under the suspension laid upon him by the Pby of Tyrone, & afterwards confirmed by a Committee of the G. Synod. The Committee's conduct approved. Mr McNeilly

The Pby of Templepatrick with Correspondents met at Dunagor the 1st tuesday in Augt last. A Copy of their minutes was produced, and is as followeth :—The Pby of Templepatrick & Correspondents conformable to the order of last G. Synod took under their consideration the conduct & character of Mr Hu: McCraken, once a member of the Pby of Strabane, & now residing at Carrickfergus. Mr Bankhead was asked if he, as appointed by last G. Synod, had informed Mr McCracken of this meeting & the design of it, he produced the Copy of a letter sent to Mr McCraken, wherein he very properly pointed the indecency & criminality of marrying young people without consent of parents or Guardians, in a clandestine manner, & showed him how Injurious such a practice was to the peace & happiness of society—Intreated him to attend this meeting as a penitent, prepared to give the Pby & Correspondents assurance that he wou'd not persevere in that base practice & he shou'd find him as an advocate wt his Brethren. Mr Thompson informed the members that, in a Conversation he lately held with Mr McCracken upon marrying people in the manner he did, Mr McCracken told him he [would] persevere in marrying in that way in opposition to all that cou'd be done by the G. Synod. No account from the Strabane Pby. Sevl members testified they had sufficient evidence of Mr Mr McCraken

M^c^Cracken's irregular & unbecoming behaviour in marrying people, & in other instances of conduct not at all decent to be named. The Pby & correspondents therefore unanimously agreed that M^r^ M^c^Cracken hath no title to the character of a Gospel minister, that the people ought not to look upon him as such, and consequently he hath no authority to marry people more than any other man in the Country. This resolution to be published in all the Cong^ns^ within our Bounds. The Pby & Correspondents conduct towards M^r^ M^c^Cracken approved, & their sentence confirmed.

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning. Interloq^r^ at 8: ye Session concluded w^t^ prayer.

4th Session Thursday at ten o'clock forenoon, after prayer &c.

St field

Mr Huey in the name of the people of S^t^field requested this Synod to enjoin the sev^l^ Pbys belonging to it to send them such suppliers as they would desire the Pby of Belfast to write for, until next G. Synod—this granted.

Venecash

A supplication from Venecash was presented to this Synod by Mr Todd, wherein they complain that sev^l^ congregations in the Pby of Dromore & many in Rout Pby enjoined by the G. Synod to pay fund money annually to assist them in supporting a Gospel min^r^ among them, have neglected to do it; & pray this Synod to grant them redress. Resolved that it be recommended, and according it is hereby warmly recommended to the min^rs^ in the Pby of Dromore & Rout who have not annually collected fund money in their respective congregations for the benefit of Venecash, that they be punctual in making Collections for the above purpose in time to come. The members of these Pbys who were present promised to observe ye recommendation.

Synod's fund

The Synod very much concerned to find that the Interest of their Charitable fund for the support of the Gospel in poor Congregations within their bounds is very litle attended to; have resolved that every minister belonging to this Synod shall warmly recommend the support of this fund, & make a Collection for it in his congregation before next G. Synod, and also a Collection in every succeeding year, and if any min^r^ neglects to make such collection, he shall pay half a guinea into the Committee of the fund for every such failure. And each Pby is likewise enjoined to make Collections in the vacant congregations within their Bounds, if any there be.

Drumbo

From Drumbo appeared Comm^rs^ Messrs Mat: Rea, Wm Shaw & Ja^s^ Carlile, who produced a supplication, wherein they set forth that their min^r^ the Revd Mr Malcom hath been so much indisposed for two years past that he hath not been able to perform the duties of a Gospel min^r^, and as there is no prospect for his recovery, they beg this Synod wou'd declare them a vacant congregation.

The Commissioners informed this Synod that the Congregation of Drumbo had made an offer to Mr Malcom's relations, to whom the management of his affairs was committed, of £32. 10. which was half a years stipend, more than in justice they were bound to pay, as they

had a full discharge for all stipend due at Novem^{r} 1773, and Mr Malcom had not officiated among them since June—73. Mr Henry informed this Synod that Mr Laird and he attended at Drumbo, the 14th Inst, used their best endeavours to effect an agreement between Mr Malcom's relations & the Congregation of Drumbo, but to no purpose. After some reasoning the question was put, declare the Congregation of Drumbo vacant now, or not? the Roll called & it carried in the affirmative with one dissenting voice only—it was next proposed & unanimously agreed to that a Committee of the following Brethren, Messrs Bankhead & Abernethy from the Pby of Templepatrick; Messrs Henry, Maclure, & Thompson, from Dromore; & Messrs Smith, & Strong, from Killilea Pby, with their Elders, shall meet at Drumbo, the last Monday in July next, three min^{rs} to be a quorum, who are to inspect into & finally to setle the acc^{t} between Mr Malcom & the Cong^{n} of Drumbo, and that Congregation are to be informed that whatever sum shall appear to the Comm^{ttee} to be due Mr Malcom must be p^{d} before they are to expect another minister to be settled among them. A Copy of this minute to be sent by the Comm^{rs} to Mr Malcom, and it must appear to the Committee that he hath rec^{d} a Copy of it, at least ten days before their meeting.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st. *Interloq^{r}.*

Widows fund £9180 10 8

At an Interloq^{r} consisting of the G. Synod & Pby of Antrim a letter from the Trustees of the widows fund was read, wherein they give an acc^{t} that the present amount of that fund is £9180 : 10 : 8. of which sum £7600 is lent to Ld Antrim & £750 is vested in the Dunleer Turnplke Deb^{rs}—no acc^{t} of the residue of the fund, which is £630 : 10 : 8. Messrs McKay, & Smith, to answer the Trustees letter and signifie to them, that the Constitutents wou'd be much obliged for information where the residue of the fund besides that lent to Ld Antrim and vested in funds is placed & upon what security, & their secretary be instructed to give us that information at our next meeting in Armagh the last tuesday in June 1776.

Subscrip^{n} money refunded

The Interloq^{r} observed that Messrs Logue & McMullan who removed from the Pby of Ballymena to America, have not had the money they p^{d} into the widows fund remitted to them. Ordered that the Pby of Ballymena be enjoined to receive that money from Mr Lang & transmit it as speedily as may be to these Gentlemen to whom it is due.

Different classes rescinded

Upon considering the proposal made at last G. Synod of placing the annuitants in different classes, after reasoning upon the matter, it was agreed that the proposal be rescinded & accordingly ye Clerk was ordered to rescind it.

A letter from M^{r} McCollum to our Moderator was read wherein he acknowledges the rec^{t} of the money he p^{d} into the widow's fund, this letter to be kept by the Clerk of the Synod.

2 *Interloq*^{r}.

Annuitants at £10 per ann.

The Constituents of the fund finding that the annual produce of it will afford more than eight pounds annually to each annuitant, have agreed to allow ten pounds annually to each from the 1st of July next.

It was proposed & agreed to that the money w^{c} Mr Williamson p^{d} into the widows fund be repaid him & Mr Smith was ordered to receive it for his use.

Min^{rs} removing

A motion was made that if any minister, a Contributor to the widows fund who removeth from his Congregation in the Bounds of the G.Synod or Pby Antrim, and fixeth in a Congregation belonging to the Southern Association, shall, if he pleaseth be allowed to continue a Contributor to our fund, & his wife & family receive the benefit of it.

Proposed also that any minister who hath already removed to the Southern Association & was a Contributor to our fund, may upon paying up the subscriptions, with the Interest thereof, be likewise allowed to become a Contributor to the fund, and his wife & family receive the benefit of it—These proposals refered to the consideration of the Constituents, until next meeting of the G.Synod.

Inserted by

WILL. RODGERS, G.S. Clk.

Augt 20th 1775.

Armagh, 25th *June* 1776.

Mr Hen. Jackson Moderator of the former Synod opened this by preaching from 1 Kings 22 : 24. compared with Acts 20 : 23. then constituted by prayer, after which were present from the sevl Pbys as followeth.

Minrs.	Elders.
Dublin Pby.	
James Caldwell	
Monaghan Pby.	
Geo. Carson	
Hu. Mulligan	
Thos. Boyl	
Wm. Fleming	
Jas. Jackson	
Wm. Moorhead	
Saml. Kennedy	Jas. Cochran
Wm. Smith	
Wm. Sprate	
Jas. Kinneer	John Dunshee
Thos. Stewart	
Wm. Moor	
Jno. Davis	Wm. Baily
Tyrone Pby.	
Jno. Ker	
Jas. Todd	
Jno. White	
Wm. Kennedy	Andw. Greer
Jno. M'Cleland	Robt. M'Entire
Jas. Whiteside	
Mos. Hogg	
Wm. Wilson	
Geo. Murray	
Jas. Whiteside, Junr.	Jas. Hanna
Alexr. Merceer	
Andw. Miller	
Killea Pby.	
Alexr. Macomb	Jas. M'Canless
Michl. Henry	Jno. M'Ferson
Jos. Litle	Jas. Johnstone

Minrs.	Elders.
Armagh Pby.	
Geo. Ferguson	Mat. Bell
Hen. Jackson	Phil. Grahm
Wm. Campbell	Jas. Prentice
Saml. Livingstone	Thos. Farrie
Robt. Dickson	
Strabane Pby.	
Jos. Osborn	
Wm. Craford	
Templepatrick Pby.	
Will. Rodgers	
Thos. Read	
Jno. Bankhead	
Wm. Blakely	
Andw. Hume	Robt. Swann
Dromore Pby.	
Alexr. Neilson	Wm. M'Minn
Wm. Henry	David Speer
Isaac Patrick	
Saml. Barbar	Wm. Scott
Jas. Birch	Jno. Lawry
Jos. Hay	Ralph Campbell
Bangor Pby.	
Jas. Hull	
Jas. Bryson	
John Adams	
Belfast Pby.	
Alexr. Henry	
Thos. Birch	Jas. Robison
Letterkenny Pby.	
Ben. M'Dowell	

Mod^r chosen

Mr Jackson moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following brethren were named as a leet—Messrs Carson, McCleland, Kennedy, Mich^l Henry Livingstone Osborn, Craford, Bankhead, Neilson, Bryson, Mich^l Henry, & Mulligan. The Roll called and Mr Mulligan was chosen.

Clk

Mr. Rodgers continued Clk.

Mr Kennedy

Mr Kennedy from the Pby of Charlestown, in South Carolina being present was requested to sit as a member of this Synod, & he consented to do it.

Mr Neilson

As Mr Neilson who was appointed to preach the 2^d day of this Synod's meeting hath not attended, Mr Campbel was requested to supply that defect by preaching to this Synod tomorrow morning at ten o'clock, & he consented.

A Letter

Ordered that the Moderator write a letter to Mr Neilson, enjoin him to attend at next G.Synod, and answer for the disrespect he hath shown to this Synod, in not observing their appointment nor sending any apology, for his not attending.

Mr Wm Kennedy

Ordered that as Mr Wm Kennedy is next in votes to the Mod^r now chosen, he be appointed to preach to the G.Synod, the 2^d day of their next meeting at nine o'clock forenoon.

Pbys to meet

Ordered that the several Pbys meet this evening & prepare lists to be given to the Clerk of the Synod tomorrow morning, of their members for the Sev^l Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund and G.Synod's fixed Committee, as also an acc^t of such ministers as have died, been ordained Installed, Candidates licensed or entered on trials since last G.Synod, likewise an acc^t of annuitants on the fund, if any have died since last G.Synod the time to be mentioned, also an acc^t of women now living that have been minr^s wives & are not upon the fund.

Adjourned until Eleven o'clock tomorrow morning, this session concluded with prayer.

2^d Sess^n

2^d Sess^n Wednesday at Eleven o'clock forenoon after prayer &c.

Mr Campbel

Mr Campbel as requested preached to this Synod, from Jno. 17 : 20 and he received the thanks of the house for his ready complyance with their Request.

The Pbys gave in lists of their members, for the sev^l Committees as also the following acc^ts namely—

Dublin Pby report they have on the fund Mrs Patten, M^rs McBeth, Mrs Vance.

Tyrone Pby have on the fund Mrs Orr, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Peebles, Mrs Duffin, not on the fund Mrs Rhea.

Ord^d

Monaghan Pby have ordained Mr Miller at Eniskillen 13th January 1776 and Mr Trimble at Monaghan 24th Ins^t both contributors to the widows fund—They report that Mr Hamilton removed from Monaghan

Removed

to Waterford in 8ber 1775.—On the fund with them are Mrs Algoe, Mrs Bond, Mrs McKee, Mrs Clark, Mrs Warnick.

Killilea Pby have on the fund Mrs Scott, Mrs Kennedy.

Armagh Pby have licensed Messrs Rainy & Black, agreable to the late regulations—On the fund with them are Mrs Cherry Mrs Johnstone Mrs Menagh. Licensed

Strabane Pby have on the fund Mrs Armstrong, not on ye fund Mrs Donaldson.

Templepatrick Pby have on the fund Mrs Dunbar, Mrs White.

Dromore Pby report that Mr Mulligan died 4th Janry 1776, he left children only. On the fund with them are Mrs Gordon, Mrs Semple, Mrs Simms, Mrs Richey, Mrs White, famy Mr Mulligan. Dead

Bangor Pby have ordained Mr Stitt at Moyra, 10th 8ber—75, he is a contributor to the widows fund. On the fund with them Mrs Warnick, Mrs Dickson, Mrs Mitchell. Ordd

Belfast Pby have ordained Mr Thos Birch at Saintfield, the 21st May 1776, he subscribed the confession of faith & widows fund. They report Mr Cuningham died in Febry—76, he left no family. They licensed Mr Hu. McKee according to the late regulations. On the fund with them Mrs Malcom, famy Mr Walker, famy Mr M'Kean. Ordd Dead Licensed

Letterkenny Pby ordained Mr Allen in Augt 1775, & Mr Miller in May 1776, both contributors to the widows fund. They report Mr Ferlie died 7th January—76, he left children only. Ordd Dead

From Derry Pby & from Rout no returns.

As sevl Pbys made no returns of the members for ye G. Synod's Committee they are the same as in years past.

It was observed that in the return made of licensing Candidates for the ministry by the Pby Letterkenny, no certificate was produced of their conforming to the late regulations in licensing Messrs Cochran & Holms. The Synod determined that these regulations shall be observed, have resolved that the Pby of Letterkenny be enjoined, and accordingly that Pby are hereby enjoined to transmit sd certificate to the Clerk of the Synod as soon as possible, that these Licentiates may be looked upon as under the care of this Synod, which cannot be (consistent with a former resolution of the G. Synod) until said certificate be obtained, and entered into our records, which the Clerk is ordered to do, as soon as he receives it from the Pby L.kenny. Licensing Candidates

It was observed that no returns were made from several Pbys of this Synod, and information was given that the Pby Rout had Installed Mr Pat. Davison from North Britain, at Taghboin the 9th Janry 1776, & that he & that Congn had subjected themselves to the care of Rout Pby. N.B. Mr Davison no contributor to the widows fund. No return Mr Davison not a contributor to ye fund

Resolved that it be declared as the opinion of this Synod, that if any Pby shall in future neglect to make returns to the G. Synod at their annual meetings they are very reprehensible, & ought to be

censured for the disrespect they show to the appointment of this body, and in the meantime Messrs Campbel and Bryson are enjoined to write a letter, a Copy of which is to be sent by the Clerk of the Synod to each Pby who have not made returns at this time, in which letter this Synod's disapprobation of their conduct is to be warmly expressed.

A letter

Elezth Brakenridge

Upon Inquiry it appeared that in the Pby of Tyrone, the following congregations made collections for Elezth Brakenridge & her disordered sister, viz., Stewartstown, Dunganon, Tobermore, Coagh, Maghrafelt, Carlin, Carntal, Benburb, & Keady, & the following have not collected, Minterburn, Monymore, Cookstown, Venecash, Loghgall. The min^{rs} to whom these Congregations belong are enjoined to make collections for these distressed women, as soon as possible, and the members of Monaghan Pby who have not made collections for them since last G. Synod, are likewise enjoined to make collections for them speedily.

The Sev^{l} Committees are enjoined to meet immediately. Adjourned till seven o'clock afternoon, Interloq^{r} at five, this session concluded with prayer.

3d Session

3^{d} Session Wednesday at 7 o'clock, afternoon, after prayer &c.

Next Synod

It was agreed that the time and place of next Synod's meeting be fixed now—Dunganon, Antrim, Lurgan, and Armagh were named as a leet. The Roll called, and it carried to meet at Armagh the last Tuesday in June, 1777. Sermon to begin at five o'clock afternoon.

Fund

A particular Inquiry was made if the Synod's recommendation respecting the fund for the support of the Gospel in poor congregations belonging to the G. Synod had been observed; and it appeared that many members in the sev^{l} Pbys have not duely attended to it.

It was proposed that half a guinea, the penalty mentioned at last G. Synod, be levied now, of such min^{rs} as have not made collections for the above purpose since last meeting of the G. Synod, but it was resolved that previous to the determining of anything farther relative to this matter, the min^{rs} upon the fund shou'd attend the Committee of that fund (who are to meet to morrow morning at eight o'clock), and lay before them a list of those members who have not made collections since last G. Synod, for the fund, and then the affair is to be laid before this Synod at sed^{t}, when the affair will be fully considered.

Adjourned till 11 o'clock to-morrow, Interloq^{r} at nine, ys. session concluded with prayer.

4th Sess^{n}

4th Session Thursday at 11 o'clock forenoon, after prayer &c.

Arrears of ye fund

The Synod proceeded to the consideration of the affairs of their fund. Lists containing arrears of the fund due to Messrs. Macomb, Sprate, Todd, Davis, & Hogg to a very considerable amount, were produced. This Synod are much concerned that so very Charitable an Institution shou'd be neglected by many members belonging to their

body. Some members of Templepatrick Pby alledged that Castleblainy Congregation was not entitled to a share of the Synod's fund consistently with former regulations respecting the distribution of that fund, as that congregation paid more than £30 annual stipend. To this it was objected, that the Cong^{n} (exclusive of some donations from Gentlemen) promised only £26 annual stipend. Templepatrick Pby gave it as their opinion that the congregation of Buckna in Ballymena Pby was better entitled to their fund than Castleblainy.

Templepatrick Pby

Castleblainy

After much reasoning it was resolved that it be recommended to the members of Templepatrick Pby who have not collected for the fund since last G. Synod, to make collections in their several congregations as speedily as may be, and transmit them to Mr. Davis at Castleblainy.

Resolved also that Templepatrick Pby shall no longer be appointed to pay fund money to Castleblainy, as that Cong^{n} is now committed to the care of Derry Pby, Hollywood being committed to Belfast, and Buckna to Templepatrick Pby.

Resolved likewise that as the greater part of the members who have not conformed to the Instructions of last G. Synod in making collections for the fund are now absent, therefore the fine then threatened cannot be levied now; but a list of the names of such ministers shall be made out by the Clerk of the Synod and sent to Mr. Lang with Instructions for him to detain half a guinea from every such minister's R.D. until the Synod shall direct the disposition of it; however, if the ministers or as many of them, whose names will be returned to Mr. Lang, shall write him within the space of four months after he hath received the above Instructions, that they have made collections, then and in that case, he shall not detain any of their R.D. on ye above account.

Half a Guinea

As Mr Wilson of Moywater by reason of his age & infirmities is incapable of making personal application to the Localities granted him, this Synod earnestly intreat the R. Pby of Letterkenny that they be punctual in making collections for him, and the Revd Mr Marshal of Ballendreit is requested to receive & transmit the same.

Mr Wilson

Upon reviewing the records of last General Synod, Inquiry was made if the Committee met at Drumbo as appointed, and it appeared they did meet, a Copy of their minutes were produced, wherein they set forth that they had resolved that the Cong^{n} of Drumbo shou'd pay Mr Malcom or his order, the sum of £32: 10. being stipend due by them at May 1774, and that they also pay him, or his order £6: 11. being money he had laid out for the use of the Congregation, the Congregation being liable to pay their suppliers from May 1774, and no charge to be brought against the congregation by Mr Malcom or his representative for entertaining min^{rs} or Probtaioners, supplying them.

Drumbo

The conduct of the Committee was approved, and the Pby of Belfast are enjoined by this Synod to see a discharge from Mr Malcom or his representative for the above sums, before they proceed to the ordination of a minister in Drumbo.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with prayer.

1st *Interloqr.*

Widows fund £9829 14 9

At an Interloqr consisting of the Constituents of the widows fund, a letter from the Trustees of that fund was read, wherein it appears that the present amount of that fund is £9899 : 14 : 9, the Trustees also signifie that Mr Armstrong, late of Belfast bequeathed £500 to that fund which they had received, they also say that notice was given them that the money lent Lord Antrim from the widows fund wou'd soon be paid off; and that they have a prospect of lending to Mr Price the younger of Holymount near Downpatrick, not only the money in Lord Antrims hands, but the whole Capital(exclusive of what is in the hands of the assignees of Lenox and Franch & in the Dunleer turnpike Debrs) which amounts to £8500, the also signifie that the turnpike Debrs cannot be disposed of upon terms any way agreable, Mr Lang in his letter to our Clerk mentions that it is the desire of the Trustees that Counr Andw. Caldwell of the city of Dublin shou'd be added to their Number, & that they wish for the approbation of the Constituents in order that he may be introduced to that Trust.

Conr Caldwell

Resolved that Messrs Hull, Osborn, & McDowell answer the Trustees letter, signifie to them our entire approbation of their conduct in the management of our fund, and that we rely upon their attention & fidelity, in lending it upon proper security.

Docr Maconky

Ordered that Messrs Campbel, Caldwell, & Craford, write a letter to Docr Maconky, express our gratitude to him, for his very great assiduity & fidelity in managing the affairs of our fund, and Intreat him to make it an object of his attention, so long as he finds it convenient for him to give attention to affairs of that nature.

Ordered that Messrs. Niven & Jackson write to Mr. Lang and inform him that the acct of the disposition of the £630 10s. 8d. (of which no mention was made in the accts furnished last year), now given is not at all satisfactory, and request he may be more explicit in future in giving an acct of the disposition of our fund.

Mr Litle

A complaint was made by Mr. Litle against Killilea Pby of which he is a member, which complaint was thought not to come regularly, at present, before the Interloqr, therefore, resolved that the Constituents of the Fund will take his complaint under their consideration at the next meeting of the G. Synod, when he and Killilea Pby are enjoined to attend.

Patents for R D.

A copy of the Patents for the R.D. granted by King William and Queen Ann, was produced to this Interloqr by Mr Caldwell, of Dublin, in whose hands the original Patents are deposited. This copy was given to the Clerk of the Synod, by him to be safely kept for the use of the G. Synod and Pby of Antrim. Mr. Caldwell received the thanks of the house for his attention to this affair.

2d *Interloqr.*

Ansr to Trustees letter.

Messrs. Hall, Osborn and M'Dowell brought in the copy of a letter to the Trustees of the Widows Fund, which was read & approved & ordered to be signed by the Modr.

Messrs. Niven and Jackson produced the copy of a letter to Mr. Lang, which was read & approved, & ordered to be signed by the Mod^r. Mr Lang

Resolved that a letter of Thanks from the Constituents of the fund be wrote to Mrs. Armstrong, of Belfast, for her punctuality in paying into the widows fund, the very generous and ample Bequest of £500 made by her husband to that fund—Messrs. Hull, Bryson, and Caldwell to wait upon her and deliver said letter. Mrs Armstrong

Ordered that Mr Lang be instructed by our Clerk that in the payment of annuities he is to look upon a rec^t from her who is, or was, ye widow, or from the children of the Contributor to the fund as the only authority for his paying the annuity. Mr Lang

The Constituents of the fund finding that the annual produce of that fund will afford more than ten pounds a year to each annuitant, have agreed that eleven pounds shall be given to each, from ye first of January last past; but if the money in Lord Antrim's hands be not laid out at Interest for any considerable time after he pays it into the fund, the annuities shall be reduced to nine pounds, from the 1st of next January. Annuity £11

Inserted by
WILL RODGERS, G.S. Clk.

Sepr 4th, 1776.

A Genl Synod at Armagh, 24 *June*, 1777.

Mr Mulligan Mod^r of the former Synod opened this by preaching from Ja^s 3. 17. then constituted by prayer. After which were present from the several Pbys as followeth.

Minrs.	Elders.
Monaghan Pby.	
Hu. Mulligan	Wm. Curry
Wm. Fleming	
Jas. Jackson	
Saml. Kennedy	
Wm. Smyth	
Wm. Sprate	
Jno. Mathewson	
Wm. Moor	
Geo. Harris	David Vogan
Jno. Davis	Alexr. Henry
Mat. Trimble	Arch. Dobbin
Tyrone Pby.	
Chas. Caldwell	
Jno. Kerr	
Jas. Todd	
Jno. White	Hu. Weir
Wm. Kennedy	
Jno. M'Cleland	
Mos. Hogg	
Will. Wilson	Jno. Anderson
Geo. Murray	
Jas. Whiteside, Junr.	
Andw. Miller	
Killelea Pby.	
Alexr. M'Combe	
Mich. Henry	
Robt. Smyth	
Mos. Neilson	
Jos. Little	
Wm. Steel Dixon	
Strabane Pby.	
Jos. Osborn	
Jos. Scott	
Jas. Coulter	
Armagh Pby.	
Geo. Ferguson	Mr. Bell
Hen. Jackson	Robt. Jackson
Wm. Campble	Wm. Rowan
Saml. Livingstone	Robt. Boyd
Robt. Dixon	
Robt. Black	
Templepatrick Pby.	
Wm. Rogers	
Thos. Read	
Derry Pby. none	
Dromore Pby.	
Wm. Henry	
Saml. Barber	
Jas. Birch	Mr. Saml. Livingston
Jno. Thomson	
Robt. Rentall	
Jno. Shearard	Henry Dixon
Jno. Cochran	Isaac Moreland
Thos. Kennedy	
Bangor Pby.	
Jas. Hull	
Jno. Adams	
Saml. Martin Stephenson	Mr. Macullogh
Geo. Kennedy	
Wm. Stitt	
Robt. Maclintock	
Belfast Pby.	
Jas. Huey	
Wm. Laird	
Thos. Birch	
Andw. Greer	
Letterkenny Pby.	
Jno. Marshal	Mr. Jno. Best
Andw. Alexander	
Franc. Turretine	Jas. Coan
David Allen	
Root Pby.	
Robt. Henry	
Ballymena Pby.	
Jno. Rankin	
Dublin Pby	
Jas. Caldwell	

Mr Mulligan moved that another be chosen to moderate in this Synod. The following brethren were named as a Leet—Messrs. William Kennedy, Wm. Smyth, Osborn, Livington, Read, Birch, Stephenson, and Robt Smyth. The roll called, and Mr Smyth chosen. Mr Rogers continned Clk. Moderator chosen Clk

Mr Gideon Neilson, in a Letter to Mr Campble, requested that he would inform this Synod that want of health put it out of his power to attend at the next [last] meeting of the Genl Synod, and that the same cause prevented his attendance at this meeting.

Ordered that [as] Mr Maclelland is next in votes to the Moderator now chosen, he be appointed to preach at the next Genl Synod, the second day of their meeting, at 9 o'clock, forenoon.

Ordered that the several Pbys meet this evening and prepare lists to be given to the Clark of the Synod to-morrow morning of their members for the several Committees of Overtures, Bills, Books, Fund and Genl Synods fixed Committee, as also, an account of such Minrs as have died, been Ordained, Installed, Candidates licensed, or entered on trayels, since last Genl Synod Likewise an acct of annuitants upon the fund if any have died since last Genl Synod, the time to be mentioned, also an acct of Women now living that have been ministirs wives and are not upon the fund. Pbys to meet

Adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow morning. This Session concluded with prayer.

2d Sess. Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock foreneon, after prayer, &c. 2d Sess

Mr. Kennedy as appointed by last Genl Synod preach'd to this Synod from Prov. 19. 27.

The Pbys gave in Lists of their members for the several Committees, as also the following accts, namely— Reports

Dublin Presby report that Mr Kilburn died the 27th of October, 1776. He was a contributor to the Widows Fund, and left a child only. On the fund with them, Mrs Paton, Mrs Macbeth, Mrs Vance, family Mr Kilburn. Dead

Monaghan Pby report that Mr Kinneer died 21st March, 1777. He was a contributor the Widow's Fund, the same on the fund with them as in the year past. Dead

Tyrone Pby report that Mr Mercer demitted his charge of Dungannon in Decemr last, & removed to the neighbourhood of Dublin, and Mr Gibson demitted his charge of Keady some time ago, being by the infirmities of old age unequal to the duties of the Ministerial office. They have entered upon trials Mr Robt Montgomery. On the fund with them Mrs Orr, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Peebles, Mrs Duffin. Not on the fund Mrs Rea. Demitted Trials

Armagh Presby have ordained Mr Black, at Dromore 28th June Inst. he is a contributor to the widows fund. On the fund with them Ordd

Mrs Cherry, Mrs Menagh,—not on the fund Mrs Stewart, Mrs Carlile. Mrs Johnston Died 2d June Inst.

Died

Strabane Pby have on the fund Mrs Armstrong, not on the fund Mrs Hemphill.

Templepatrick Pby have on the fund Mrs Dunbar & Mrs White.

Ordd

Dromore Pby have ordained Mr Cochran at Dromore 5th May 1777, he subscribed the Confession of faith, but not the Widows fund. they have licensed Mr Ferson according to the late Regulations. They entered upon trials Mr Jas McBride, the widows on the fund with them the same as in the year past.

Not a Contributor

Licensed

Ordd

Belfast Pby ordained Mr Hu: McKee, at Drumbo 25th Septemr: 1776, he subscribed the Confession of faith, but not the Widows fund. They ordained Mr Andw Greer, the 20th of May last, he subscribed the Confession of faith & the Widows fund; the Widows with them the same as in the year past.

Not a Contributor

Trials

Letterkeny Pby entered upon trials Mr Fairland, Mr Morison. They both subscribed the Confession of faith & conformed to the late Regulations. Widows with them as in the year past.

Bangor Pby have on the fund Mrs Warnick, Mrs Dixon, Mr Mitchel. Not on the fund Mrs Moor

Ballymena Pby have on the fund Mrs Hill, Mrs White, Mrs McCurdy, Mrs Cochran, Mrs Brown, Mrs O'Bryan.

Killelea Pby have on the fund the same Anuitants as in the year past.

From Root and Derry Pbys no return.

Synods Committee

The Members of Synods fixed Committee are as followeth:

For Dublin Presby Mr Calwell with an Elder.
Monaghan Pby Messrs Smith & Trimble with an Elder.
Tyrone Pby Messrs White & McClelland with an Elder.
Killelea Pby Messrs Smith & Strong with an Elder.
Armagh Pby Messrs Jackson & Campble with an Elder.
Strabane Pby Messrs Osborn & Crawford with an Elder.
Letterkenny Pby Messrs Marshal & Alexander with an Elder.
T: Patrick Pby Messrs Montgomery & Bankhead with an Elder.
Dromore Pby Messrs Henry & Barber with an Elder.
Bangor Pby Messrs Hull & Caldwell with an Elder.
Belfast Pby Messrs Huey & Laird with an Elder.
Ballymena Pby Messrs Rankin & Lindsay with an Elder.

These with our Moderator & Clark are to meet at Dunganon when called by the Moderator upon any Emergency 15 to be a Quorum, whereof 12 at least are to be Ministers.

Upon Inquiry it appeared that some Congregations in the Pby[s] of Monaghan & Tyrone have not made Contributions for Eliz[th] Brackenridge & her disordered sister as injoined by last Gen[l] Synod. Resolved that the former appointment be renewed & that the collections, be speedily made & transmitted to Mr. Miller of Augher for the use of these distressed women. Eliz[th] Brakenridge

The several Committees are ordered to meet immediately,—adjurned untill 7 o'clock afternoon, Interloq[r] at 5, this Session concluded with prayer. Comtees to meet

3[d] Sess[n] Wednesday at 7 o'clock afternoon, after Prayer &c. 3d Sess.

Resolved that the time & place of next Gen[l] Synods meeting be fixed now, the question was put "meet at Dunganon or Lurgan" the Roll called & it carried to meet at Lurgan, the last tuesday in June 1778, sermon to begin at 5 oclock afternoon. Next Synod

From the Congregation of Caple Street, Dublin, appeared Com[rs] Mess[rs] Jn[o] Blair, John Stewart, Hugh Biggard, Alex[r] Richy & William Gilbert, who produced a supplication signed by a considerable number of that Congregation, Wherein they intreat, that the relation hitherto subsisting between them, and the Rev[d] John Beard may be intirely dissolved, and in support of said supplication they offered a number of reasons which they had reduced to writing and are *in retentis*. Caple Street

A Memorial subscribed by another part of the Caple Street Congregation, together with other papers, inclosed in a Letter to our Moderator, were also produced, setting forth many Instances of bad treatment Mr. Beard had received, from that part of the Congregation, who now supplicate that the Relation between him & them may be dissolved & intreating that this Synod may be pleased to interpose their Influence to have peace restored in their Congregation, and Mr. Baird continued their min[r].

A letter from Mr. Baird directed to our late Moderator in which he acknowleges his being cited to attend this meeting of the Gen[l] Synod, was also read representing the present state of his health to be such, that he could not travel to Armagh either on horseback or in a carriage, if matters of the last moment depended on it; but in the papers transmitted to the Mod[r] had laid the whole state of the unhappy Difference between the party in Opposition & him, so fully and exactly before the Synod, for their judgment and decision that he could not throw greater light on it, tho' he were present & subjected himself and his cause to the determination of the Synod. Adjurned untill 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Concluded with Prayer. Mr Baird

4th Sess[n] Thursday at 10 o'clock forenoon.

The Synod proceeded to the consideration of the affairs of Caple Street congregation. The Comm[rs] were asked whether they could

show that they were deputed by the majority of that congregation, in answer to which they produced a list of 40 subscribers, the amount of whose subscriptions the first of June, Inst., was £65 6s. 6d. They also produced the original Books containing the names of those who have been subscribers, for a considerable number of years, to the support of that congregation, & affirmed they did not produce any as a subscriber, who had not been such for one whole year, on or before the first of June, Inst. The List produced and names found in the Books perfectly correspond.

A List of subscribers sent with the papers transmitted by Mr Baird containing the names of sixty persons was also read, & the Commrs were asked if they had any remarks to make, they objected to forty five of them as not being contributors, & upon compairing the Lists with the Books produced containing the subscribers names, fifteen only were acknowleged, the amount of whose subscriptions was seventeen pounds five shills: and seven pence annually. The Commrs were heard at considerable length & removed. The Synod then proceeded to consider whether from what they had heard of this whole affair, they were now prepared to give their opinions concerning the dissolving the Relation between Mr. Baird & the Congregation of Caple Street or not.

Several members spoke in support of the supplication as it appeared to them that the purposes of Mr. Baird's ministry could not be answered by continuing him any longer their minr. Some members spoke against deciding that question at present, and proposed to refer it to a Committee. After much reasoning the question was put, "determine at present or referr to a Committee?" The Roll called and it carried "determine now." The question was then put, "Dissolve the Relation between Mr Baird and the congregation of Caple Street or not." The Roll called, and it carried in the affirmative, without a dissenting voice. And the congregation is now declared vacant. Mr Caldwell of Dublin, & Mr Mulligan of Monaghan Pby desired that it may [be] inserted in the Minutes, that they declined voting upon this occasion. The Commrs were called, & this Resolution read to them:

Whereas in considering the supplication from Caple Street, Dublin, a paper appeared containing many things, reflecting highly on the conduct & behaviour of the Revd Mr Baird, therefore it was thought necessary in Justice to Mr Baird & for the Honor of this Synod & the Christian Church to appoint a Committee to give Mr Baird an opportunity of vindicating his conduct, & Behaviour, & accordingly a Committee is appointed to meet at Newry the 2d Tuesday in Augt next for this purpose, & also to hear evidences for and against Mr Baird, & to Judge & act as they shall see cause. The Committee to consist of the following members with their Elders—from Monaghan Pby, Messrs Jackson, Smyth, Harris, & Davis; from Killelea, Messrs Smyth, Neilson, Henry, & Little; from Dromore, Messrs Smyth, Patrick, Barbar, & Hay; from Armagh, Messrs Moody, Campble, Jackson, & Livingstone; from Bangor, Messrs Kennedy of Morn, & Hull; from Belfast Pby, Messrs Huey, &

Laird; from Tyrone Pby, Messrs Kennedy & Wilson; seven Min^rs & two Elders to be a quorum—Mr Barber to preach at 12 o'clock. Mr Baird is injoined to attend said Committee, & also Comm^rs from Caple Street in opposition to him, for the purpose of ascertaining certain alleged facts, in a paper intitled "Reasons offered in support of the supplication" which facts were not considered by the Synod, as Mr Baird was not present, & because without entering into such consideration, it appeared to them that Mr Beards ministry could be no longer usefull in that congregation. A Copy of said paper, with an attested copy of this minute to be delivered to Mr Baird as soon as convenient by one or more of the Comm^rs of Caple Street congregation, & also the names of the witnesses to be aduced in support of said reasons, & if Mr Baird does not attend said Committee without giving a satisfactory reason to the Committee for his not attending, he is not to be considered any longer a member of this Synod. Mr Caldwell requested this Synod to order the several Pbys within its bounds to send such suppliers to Dublin as he shall have occasion to write for. This granted. Mr Caldwell

The Revd Mr James Summervill produced credentials from Caithness Pby in North Britain, that he had been licensed to preach the Gospel by said Pby, & also a certificate of his being set apart by prayer & the Imposition of hands to the work of the Ministry by a class of Protestant Dissenters at Penrith in South Britain; these Credentials & Certificate were sustained by this Synod, & Mr Summervill allowed to subject himself to any Pby within the bounds of this Synod as he pleaseth, who may be disposed to receive him as a Member with them. Mr Summervill

Mr Caldwell in the name of the Comm^rs from Caple Street congregation applied to this Synod to appoint Mr Adams of Donaghadee to supply that congregation Eight Lord's Days, commencing the 2d Lords Day in July next—this granted. And Mr Mercer is appointed to preach to that congregation next Lords Day & the first of July, & upon the first in July is injoined to read the Resolution of this Synod declaring said Congregation vacant. Caple Street

Adjurned until 5 o'clock afternoon. This session concluded with prayer.

5th Sess. Thursday at 5 o'clock, after prayer, &c. 5th Sess^n

It appeared that Mr Lang (conformable to the Instructions of last Genl Synod) hath detained half a Guinea from the R.D. of each Min^r returned to him as not having collected for the Synod's fund. Fund

Ordered that the Committee of that fund meet immediately, & form a Resolution relative to that affair, to be laid before the Synod at next Sederunt.

From Kircubbin, in Ballyhalbert Congregation, appeared Comm^rs Messrs Ja^s Baily and Robt Warnock, who produced a supplication. Wherein they set forth that they look upon themselves as much Kircubbin

agrived by many of their fellow members of that Cong^{n} who refused about four years ago to join with them in building a Meeting House at Glastry, which they think is the most proper situation for their Meeting-House, & in consequence of said refusal, they had begun and were carrying on the building a Meeting House at Kircubbin ; and that as they, the supplicants, had absented from the Meeting House of Ballyhalbert, and applied to the Pby of Killelea, for suppliers to preach to them, were refused, as they were not erected into a Congregation by tho Revd Synod, they therefore pray to be erected into a Congregation.

Mr Bailie

A letter from Ja^{s} Bailie, Esq., to this Synod, was also read, wherein he informed this Synod of his joining in the above supplication, & said he was ready to be security (when necessary) for £50 annual stipend to a proper Min^{r}.

Ballyhalbert

From the Congregation of Ballyhalbert appeared Comm^{rs} Messrs Ja^{s} Read, Ja^{s} McKee, & Edward Calvert with a Remonstrance against the prayer of said Petition, and offering Reasons why it should not be granted—viz., that the Congregation of Ballyhalbert is now building a Meeting House in the same field which the people of Kirkubbin acknowleged to be the proper site for a Meeting House—that they agreed to this before a Meeting House was begun at Kirkubbin—that an Erection at Kirkubbin would injure not only the Cong^{n} of Ballyhalbert, but the neighboring Congregations of Ballywalter & Grayabby—that many of them who originally contributed towards a House at Kirkubbin had forfeited their proportion & had rejoined the Congregation at Glastry—that Kirkubbin is nearer the Meeting House they are now building than any other Extremity of their bounds; & moreover that there is an express Act of Synod against an Erection at Kirkubbin, as it is not two miles distant from said House.

Portaferry

Comm^{rs} appeared from the Congregations of Portaferry & Grayabby & produced Remonstrances against said intended Erection, alleging that the Party in favor of Kirkubbin is very small, that tho' security was offered for £50 annualy towards the support of a proper Minister, said sum was not proposed to be paid without loss to the neighboring Congreg^{ns}. That the party in Kirkubbin had not separated from their Brethren on acct. of any religious Concern, Matter of or Objection against the Conduct or Ministry of Mr Dixon, and that upon the whole the Erection at Kirkubbin, would be injurious to the Interest and Reputation of Protestant Dissenters in that neighbourhood.

The Comm^{rs} being heared & removed and this affair considered it was proposed & agreed to that the Question be put, "Grant the supplication for an Erection at Kirkubbin, or, not." The Roll called & it carried unanimously, Not; the Comm^{rs} were called, and this Resolution read to them. Resolved that Mr Henry of Cumber change Pulpits with Mr Dixon first Lords day in July next, & use his best Endeavours, to reconcile the contending Parties in that Congregation.

A Supplication from Messrs Hu: Mulligan Thos Boyl & Willm Moorhead Members of Monaghan Pby, Mr Scott of Strabane Pby, & Mr Miller of Tyrone was read representing the Inconveniences they labor under by their Distance from the places where their Pbys usualy meet. They apprehend these Inconveniences, would be removed by their being erected into a separate Pby, by the name of the Pby of Clogher & pray that this Synod, would be pleased to erect them. After some reasoning their Supplication was granted & at their request were joined to the Subsynod of Armagh. Mr Miller of Iniskillin is at Liberty to become a Member of this Pby if he pleaseth. New Pby

From Killmacrenan appeared Patrick Campble Comm^r who produced a supplication to this Synod setting forth that they had applied to the Pby of Letterkenny & also to the Sub-Synod of Derry, to be reunited to Dunfanaghy of which Kilmacrenan had many years ago been a part, & that by said Presby & Sub-Synod they had been referred to this Synod; they therefore pray this Synod, may be pleased to allow them to Join the people of Dunfanaghy & become one Congregation & the Minister's Labors be divided between them. the Comm^r was heard & after some reasoning the Question was put "Grant the petition or not?" the Roll called & it carried in the affirmative. Killmacrenan

Adjurned untill 10 o'clock tomorrow. Interloq^r at 8. this session concluded with Prayer.

6th Sess^n. friday at 10 o'clock forenoon, after prayer, &c. 6th Session

The Committe of the fund met as appointed & brought in an Overture, in which they gave it as their opinion, that it should be recommended to the Members of this Synod to be very punctual in making collections for the Synod's fund, & that every thing in the Power of the Genl Synod, ought to be done to secure that charitable Institution from being neglected. Resolved that the order of last Synod respecting the fund shall stand & that the Clk inform Mr Lang that he is ordered by this Synod to transmit to next Genl Synod, the money which he deducted from the R.D. of those Ministers whose names were returned to him, as not having collected for the fund, which is to be disposed of by the Synod, as they shall see cause. The Clerk is likewise to inform Mr Lang that this Synod order him to deduct half a Guinea from the R.D. of each Minister of the Pby of Derry, on account of their not making collections for Castleblaney as appointed which he Mr Lang is likewise to send to the next Genl Synod. Fund

Application was made to this Synod by Mr Sprat in behalf of the Congregation of Killinker for aid to help them to build a Meeting House as they are excluded the little place where they usualy met for public Worship. Resolved, that as soon as Mr Sprat & his Congregation obtain a lease of a Plot of Ground for a Meeting House from Lord Fernam, of which they have a promise, Mr Sprat is to inform Monaghan Pby, & they are hereby ordered to appoint some of their members to write to each Pby in the bounds of the Genl Synod, that Killinker

this Synod hath injoined every minister belonging to them to make a Collection in his Congreg^{n} for the above Purpose, as soon as he conveniently can after he receives the notice from Monaghan Pby, and transmit it to Mr Campble of Armagh or to Mr Mulligan of Aughnacloy, by them to be forwarded to Mr Sprat.

The Moderator concluded this Synod with Prayer.

1st Interloq^{r}

1st *Interloq^{r}.*

Trustee's Letter

At an Interloq^{r} consisting of the Genl Synod and Messrs Nivin & Drummond, Constituents of the Widows fund, a Letter from the Trustees of that fund was read, by which it appears that the present amount of that fund is £10,146 10s. 0d., of which £8,500 were lent to Mr Price the younger, at Hollimount, near Down, and upon the same terms, as lent to Lord Antrim, at £6 ℔ cent., and half ℔ C^{t} to be abated if one half years Interest be paid, before another becomes due, they signify also that the money is well secured, as there are particular Lands, to the amount of £700 yearly, mortgaged for payment of the Interest of the Lease. These are let within their value, & one half years Interest is already paid.

Ordered that Messrs. Jackson, Alexander, and Livingston, answer the Trustees Letter and express our gratitude to them for their very great assiduity & care in the Management of the fund.

Mr Little

It was proposed & agreed to that Mr Little's Complaint against the Pby of Killelea made at last Genl Synod, & refered to the consideration of this Synod, be considered now. He complained of being deprived of his Liberty in being obliged to become a Contributor to the Widows Fund, which was not his desire, he produced Mr Nilson as an Evidence, who said he heard some Members of Killelea Pby urge Mr Little upon the evening of the day before his Ordination to become a Contributor to the fund; they alleged it would be his advantage to do so, & one member in particular, he did not believe he would be ordained conformable to the Regulations of the fund if he did not become a Contributor, and the rest of the Members were silent.

After hearing Mr Little at large, & reasoning some time, upon the subject of his Complaint, it was proposed and agreed to that the Question be put, "is it the opinion of this Synod that Mr Little was compeled to be a Contributor to the Widows fund or not?" the Roll called & it carried by a great majority Not compelled.

Messrs Moor & Mercer

Resolved, that conformable to a Rule fixed by the Genl Synod in Sixty Six, Mr Moor formerly of Root Pby & Mr Mercer, who removed from Dunganon to the Neighbourhood of Dublin, be struck out of the List of Ministers intitled to R.D. of this the Clerk of the Synod is to inform Mr Lang.

Alienation of the fund

Resolved that if any part of the Capital of the Widows fund already accumulated, be hereafter given away, to any person, or persons, but those originaly intended, to be relieved by the Scheme of that fund,

every Contributor, who dissaproves thereof, shall have a right to go out of the Scheme & be repaid all he has contributed to the fund; provided he declares his Resolution to do so, then, or at the next meeting of the Gen[l] Synod, & whoever votes for such an alienation, shall be excluded the Benefit of this Resolution.—The Clerk of the Synod is ordered to make out a List of such as shall vote for for an Alienation & keep said List to prevent mistakes in the Execution of this Resolution.

Resolved that the affairs of the Widows fund shall be fully, considered at the Interloq[r] upon thursday morning at the annual meetings of the Gen[l] Synod. Fund fully considered

2[d]. *Interloq[r]*. 2d Interloq[r]

M[r] Langs answer to our Letter of the 27th of June 1776 was read in which he gives an acc[t] of the particular sums, which make the Capital of the Widows fund & upon what Security each sum is placed. This acc[t] perfectly satisfactory, & is as followeth.

By M[r] Prices Securities	£8,500		
Three Treas[ry] Deb[trs] with Interest due on them to Midsummer 1777 Premium 3 ℘ cen[t] commiss[n] at 5[s] each	321	15	
15 Turnpike Deben[trs]	750		
Due by the Assignees of Lenox and French ..	294	5	10
for payment of annuities from y[e] 1st Jan[y]—77. ..	280	9	2
	£10,146	10	0

The Constituents request that Mr. Lang may furnish them Annually with a Similar Acc[t] at the meeting of General Synod.

Inserted by

WILL: ROGERS G:S:C:

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